

# The American Press --- The Lowest Yet

## AN EDITORIAL

THE intelligence of the American people is being assaulted with a campaign of vile, hypocritical lies about the Soviet Union.

Every instrument of Wall Street and of the Roosevelt Administration is being geared to this drive of hysterical propaganda and deceit.

The center of the campaign is the monstrous falsehood that the Soviet Union has been "deliberately bombing defenseless civilians."

Where is the evidence?

The New York Times reported on Sunday that when President Roosevelt called for a "moral embargo" against the Soviet Union, he held in his hand a copy of the State Department's summary of the report by F. Arthur Schoenfeld, United States Minister to Finland.

This report has a strange history.

The first mention of it appeared in the midnight edition of the Times of Dec. 1. According to this dispatch from Washington, Schoenfeld reported three raids on Helsinki on the previous day; the first one at 9:20 A.M. on the MALMI AIRFIELD, the second an hour later on the FORTRESSES IN THE BAY (for Helsinki is a FORTIFIED city!) The third one was said to have occurred at 3 P.M., and the dispatch merely said there "were some buildings burning near the Legation."

But by the next edition, this story had been SUPPRESSED and replaced by the laconic statement that "details of the air attacks on Helsinki were contained in reports received by the State Department from Minister Schoenfeld." For Schoenfeld's account, as reported in the midnight edition, flatly contradicted the hysterical stories that were being headlined by the Times and the rest of the war-mongering press.

The statement of Premier Molotov that President Roosevelt's note was "pointless" since Soviet airplanes "have not bombed cities and are not going to do so; but they have bombed airdromes," stands unrefuted.

The American press has not been able to produce a single shred of evidence for its wanton charges—which even surpass the tales of "bayoneted babies" and "crucified soldiers" to which the American people were subjected during the last war and which have since been proved wild fabrications from beginning to end.

The depths to which the press has sunk is illustrated by the World-Telegram, which, unable to produce any atrocities against Finnish women, suddenly discovers that the MAP of Finland looks like a "maimed woman!"

WHAT unashamed hypocrisy!

When innocent men, women and children have REALLY been bombed, the Wall Street press and the State Department have been strangely silent.

Where were the headlines when Mussolini bombed the innocent people of Ethiopia?

On November 19 the Herald Tribune carried a tiny paragraph buried on page 21, to the effect that "SEVERAL SQUADRONS OF THE ROYAL (BRITISH) AIR FORCE WERE REPORTED TO HAVE DROPPED MANY BOMBS" on the native tribes on the Northwest Frontier of India.

But there were no headlines, no indignation, no protest. The State Department and the Wall Street press have condoned the British bombings in Palestine, the Nazi and Italian bombings in Spain, the merciless Japanese bombings in China.

What then is the purpose of this make-believe indignation about bombings that never took place in Finland?

Wall Street and the Administration want to create a war atmosphere in the minds of the American people. They know that the people are dead set against America being dragged into the present imperialist war between Britain and Germany or into an imperialist adventure against the Soviet Union. By creating a "moral issue" against the Soviet Union, Wall Street hopes to play on the emotions of the people and so trap them into war.

Hoover leads the wild cry for breaking off relations with the Soviet Union, with the Roosevelt Administration not far behind. The difference between the two main parties seems to be disappearing on this crucial issue. Wall Street evidently believes that once the United States has severed relations with the peace loving Soviet Union, it will give the war-makers here a freer hand for imperialist aggression in the Far East and to plunge the country into war.

And can anyone doubt that the attacks on the Soviet Union are at the same time a method for creating a terrific red-scare and for crushing every labor, progressive and liberal movement within the borders of the United States?

Roosevelt calls for a "moral embargo" against the Soviet Union. But the American people will answer by demanding that the United States Government halt its active, inciting support of the puppet government of Mannerheim and Ryti, and give its moral support to the People's Government of the Democratic Republic of Finland, which is struggling with the help of the Red Army for real independence.

The American people must know the truth. It is Wall Street and the Bank of London which, by their intervention and by their conspiracies against the Soviet Union, have plunged the innocent Finnish people into war.

The American people will refuse to let themselves be turned against the Soviet Union, the one great power where the people govern. The American people will hold out their hand in everlasting friendship to the one great power that can have no imperialist aims, but which seeks only to secure its own borders from imperialist attack, so that it may go forward with its peaceful socialist construction.

## Million U. S. Kids Not Enrolled in Any Schools

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (UP).—Americans cannot be described as well educated, despite advancements in the last century, the American Youth Commission said today in a report based on a four-year study.

The commission reported that nearly 1,000,000 children of elementary school age were not enrolled in any school. Of 75,000,000 adults, 36,000,000 did not finish elementary school, it said. Probably half that number failed to finish fourth grade. At least 3,000,000 adults are illiterate, the report revealed.

# FINNISH PRISONERS HELP FORM PEOPLE'S ARMY

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 4.—Finnish prisoners of war taken by the Red Army during its advance into Finnish territory on its march of liberation today called upon their fellows in the ranks of the Finnish White-Guard Army to come over to the Finnish People's Army fighting at the side of the Red Army.

"The People's Government of Finland has formed the First Finnish Army Corps and is organizing a Finnish People's Army," the appeal issued by the Finnish prisoners said.

"The purpose of this army is to drive the capitalists and landlords, the contemptible hangmen, from our native Finland.

"Soldiers of the Finnish Army, workers and farmers

in soldiers' uniforms, do everything to support the People's Government and its Army, which bring to the Finns liberation from the yoke of the capitalist robbers.

"Leave the ranks of the White Guard Finnish troops and come over, with arms in hand, to the side of the Finnish People's Army, which, together with the valiant Red Army is bringing liberty and happiness to the Finnish people."

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## Weather

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Eastern New York—Fair.  
New Jersey—Fair.

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# MANNERHEIM TROOPS BURN TOWNS

## Cleveland's Hungry Look To City Hall For Food

### Gov. Bricker Refuses To Act in Crisis of 16,000 Hungry

CLEVELAND, Dec. 4 (UP).—The City Council tonight unanimously voted a resolution demanding that Mayor Harold H. Burton restore "full relief" to 16,000 underfed Clevelanders.

When the Mayor replied that he didn't know "where this money could come from," 300 unemployed persons in the City Hall Council chamber booed him roundly.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 4.—This city's starving jobless by the thousands tonight fixed their eyes on the City Council which again met at City Hall to consider the relief crisis.

Rallied by the Workers Alliance many came to City Hall in an effort to impress the city's authorities with the seriousness of the situation, as thousands of them crowded relief offices daily only to be told that there was nothing for them.

Immediate relief is not likely even if the Council tonight does hit upon some source of finances, as its suggestions are to come up before a full session of the Council Wednesday.

In the meantime, 62,798 persons on relief rolls are starving on greatly reduced food rations while 16,000 single people or childless couples among them, get only apples and flour from federal surplus food.

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
CLEVELAND, Dec. 4.—Governor John W. Bricker, who has refused to call a special session of the legislature to appropriate funds with which to care for the thousands of starving unemployed arrogantly refused to see a delegation of 35 leading state CIO and A. F. of L. leaders today.

The union men, members of executive boards of Industrial Councils, various unions and Labor's Non-Partisan League sought an interview with the governor on the relief situation in Cleveland and Toledo.

The labor leaders privately agreed later that the only method of forcing action on the demands of the hungry jobless would be huge mass demonstrations.

Meanwhile 62,818 of Cleveland's "more fortunate" unemployed tried to scrape along on a relief budget

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## Press Wails for Petsamo; It's Where House of Morgan Owns Nickel Mines

By Lawrence Emery

Behind the Helsinki government's sabotage of all peaceful relations with the Soviet Union is the pressure of J. P. Morgan-DuPont investments in Finland's biggest nickel mines.

This money talks. It is driving Finland into war against the Soviet Union. It is behind the drive to drag the people of the United States into war.

Sixty-seven Wall Street probably knows more about the real inside story of the Mannerheim-Ryti war provocations against the Soviet Union than any other place in the country.

Sixty-seven Wall Street is the central office of the International Nickel Corporation, with assets of \$254,000,000. It controls 90 per cent of the world's nickel supply, the metal vital to the production of steel.

Every American newspaper is talking about Petsamo, Finland, where Mannerheim's troops are trying to suppress the movement of the Finnish people for a democratic republic. It is at Petsamo that the Wall Street corporation owns the biggest nickel mines in Finland.

On November 8, 1939, the Pears Financial Survey told Wall Street investors all about these valuable mines of International Nickel.

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## BULLETIN

### Not at War With Finnish People, Says Molotov

#### Tells Swedish Minister USSR Recognizes Only People's Gov't

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
MOSCOW, Tuesday, Dec. 5.—The Soviet Union is not in a state of war with Finland and does not threaten the Finnish people with war, V. M. Molotov, Soviet Premier-Foreign Commissar, early this morning informed League of Nations General Secretary Joseph A. Avenol.

Therefore convocation of the League of Nations Council to discuss demands of the anti-Soviet regime in Finland for hostile action against the USSR is unjustified, Molotov telegraphed to Avenol.

Avenol had sent a telegram to Molotov informing him of the summoning of a Council meeting for Monday.

The Soviet Union's treaty of mutual assistance and friendship with the Finnish Democratic Republic of Dec. 2 solved all points at dispute between the USSR and Finland, Molotov declared.

The individuals in whose name Rudolf Holsti, who will present the Finnish demand to Geneva, are not representatives of the Finnish people, Molotov said, and therefore the Soviet Government does not consider it possible to take part in the

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## Rush Funds for Browder Defense, Bail Group Urges

(Statement of the Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists)

The postponement of the trial of Earl Browder for two weeks means that we have a very short time in which to obtain quite a large sum necessary for the expenses of this extraordinary important case. As already made public, we are obliged to raise two separate and distinct funds:

One, a Defense Fund of outright donations to be used in defraying legal expenses.

Second, a Bail Fund in the form of either cash or United States Government Bonds to be loaned to this Committee for temporary use for bail for members of the Communist Party and any others to be decided on by the Committee.

We have, as appears in today's news, retained very able and distinguished counsel. Now all the more it is necessary for us to be able to fight this all-important case through without curtailment of our defense for lack of the necessary money. Up to this time, we have put very little emphasis on this need of outright donations to the Defense Fund. Now we must

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Shown in the press room at the Federal Court House yesterday are Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, of the Committee for Defense of Civil Rights for Communists, Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, and George Gordon Battle, who now heads the defense staff for Browder.

## George Gordon Battle Heads Staff for Browder Defense; Trial Up Dec. 18

### U. S. 'Moralists' Send Japanese \$96,000,000 in War Materials

#### Alleged 'Moral Embargo' on Tokio Exposed by Chinese Council Here

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 4.—For two and a half years American-made planes, propelled by American gasoline, have dropped bombs from American scrap iron and metals on defenseless Chinese cities.

This is the situation which prevails today. The United States is still the main arsenal for the Japanese invasion of China.

Moral sentiments have always come easy to the Administration and particularly to the State Department. And so the United States has to time verbal protests. This government has even declared a "moral embargo" on the export of airplanes and parts to Japan.

But business is business. The Administration has not permitted sensitive feelings to interfere substantially with American war trade with Japan.

According to the latest figures issued here by the Chinese Council for Economic Research, sales of war materials to Japan during the first eight months of 1939 totalled \$96,577,896.

Petroleum products, iron and steel scrap, metal-working machinery, copper, automobiles and parts, ferrous alloys, airplanes and parts and iron and steel semi-manufactured products other than scrap iron—these are the eight indispensable war ma-

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### Arrest of Weiner Marks New Attack on Civil Rights of C.P.

George Gordon Battle, distinguished attorney, arose in Federal Judge Hulbert's court as Earl Browder's attorney, when the case of the general secretary of the Communist Party was called for trial yesterday morning on a technical passport charges.

"I have filed an application for this defendant," he said, "and ask that the case be put over for two weeks."

As Browder, who had been sitting further back in the courtroom made his way towards the bench Judge Hulbert set the case for December 18.

Mr. Battle then told the judge that he might ask time later to make further motions. Judge Hulbert suggested that they be made before the new trial date.

Battle, Browder and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, secretary of the Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists at 799 Broadway, which is raising a \$100,000 bail fund, were photographed together

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### Soviet Troops Pursue Finns Past Petsamo

#### Advance 30 Miles in Some Sectors as White Guards Flee

HELSINKI, Dec. 4 (UP).—The government of Premier Risto Ryti tonight prepared to abandon Helsinki and set up an emergency capital in the north.

The Scandinavian wireless said the government probably would leave Helsinki during the night. The radio said it was believed the temporary capital would be established at Vasa on the Gulf of Bothnia, about 250 miles northwest of Helsinki.

(Special to the Daily Worker)  
MOSCOW, Dec. 4.—The Soviet army of liberation in Finland continued to advance today, reaching some points 30 miles from the Finnish-Soviet frontier, a communique

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## Terrorize Finns, White Guards Burn Homes

### British Made Mines Shatter Remaining Village Houses

By Nikolai Virta

(By Cable to the Sunday Worker)

TERLJOKI, Finland, Dec. 4.—Today, like yesterday and the day before, the horizon is crimson-colored—Suomi (Finland) is in flames, and the conflagration was started by the perfidious militarist clique, the Mannerheim Calander vermin.

Suomi's towns and villages have been set flame to by the White-Guard Finnish officers, the peaceful homes of a peaceful people are ablaze.

The towns are deserted, just like the villages. Many houses were burned down by the officers before the Finnish army, retreated.

The population was forcibly evacuated. Every means was used—force, threats, fantastic lies about the Soviet Union and the Red Army.

On a telegraph pole is a proclamation of the White-Guard Finnish authorities telling the population about "the horrors of the Cheka" and appealing to all inhabitants able to move to retreat before the Reds.

WELLS FILLED IN

A Red cavalryman patrolling a village in search of the enemy had his horse killed under him by a terrific explosion.

A deep ravine was dug by the Finns across the road. Red Army men received instructions to fill it in so, that tanks could advance. But as soon as the first spadeful of frozen earth was thrown into the ravine, several mines exploded simultaneously.

Fatigued by the difficult march and the fighting, the Red Army looked for drinking water, but every well was filled in by the retreating Finnish troops.

Danger awaits the Red Army man on every footpath and road. This is the invisible danger subtly prepared by a malicious enemy hand.

Early in the morning of Dec. 1, a Red Army battalion attacked the Lintula monastery in which White-Guard Finns had fortified themselves. The Finns retreated and the battalion continued its march. But machine gun fire was opened on them from behind. An enemy machine gunner was killed.

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### Finn Rulers Admit Burning Of Own Plants

SVANVIK, Norwegian-Finnish Border, Dec. 4 (UP).—The nickel town of Salmijarvi was reported in flames today.

(The Helsinki Sanomat, Helsinki newspaper, informed the United Press by telephone at Copenhagen that Finns had fired British, American and Norwegian-owned nickel plants in Salmijarvi "to keep them from falling into Soviet hands.")

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## Ryti Knighted for Being 'Unusually Cooperative' With Bank of England

Risto Ryti, premier of King George's buffer government at Helsinki, is a modern British knight, though nominally a Finn.

The New York Post headlines Risto a "wonder of finance." Hearst's Mirror hails him as a "hardened red-baiter." But King George of England greets him as "Sir Risto," British knight.

King George gave Risto the knightly accolade for his services

to the British Empire, as Finland's financial expert at the London Economic Conference in 1933.

Ryti has been head of the Bank of Finland, which operates within the British economic orbit, for 16 years. At the London Economic Conference, while posing as the financial representative of an independent nation, he yes'd British proposals.

King George made Risto a

"Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order," but not for his services at the conference alone. Risto won his British spurs also for his services as an anti-Soviet government official.

Hearst's "Mirror" last Sunday called him a "hardened, red-baiting" leader. And with good reason, for Risto in 1921 became a

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# MAGAZINE 'LIFE' MADE MANNERHEIM 'HERO' 6 WEEKS AGO --- FOR A REASON

Portrayed as 'Liberator' He Was Really Butcher of Finns and Persians

By A. Landau

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)  
MOSCOW, Dec. 4.—The October 23 issue of the American magazine Life carries a photograph which at first glance has a very remote connection with present-day events.

The photo shows a Russian general in full-dress uniform and Russian priests walking between two lines of sturdy Soviet Guards. In the center is a feeble spineless figure in a rich ermine mantle and with a huge crown on a small head. Standing close by this pitiable figure is a tall Horse Guard officer, decked out in shining insignia.

The photo caption reads: "At the coronation of Tsar Nicholas II. In 1896, Baron Mannerheim, then 29 years old, was one of the two crack guards officers assigned to march to the altar before the Tsar."

## TSAR'S AID A "LIBERATOR"

The story of Mannerheim is printed under the headline: "Finland's Liberator Mobilizes Against Russia."

One cannot deny that the editors of the American magazine have a keen scent. Some two months ago they foresaw the anti-Soviet adventure of the Finnish militarists. The gentlemen from Life magazine willingly explain to the reader the reason for their interest and sympathy for General Mannerheim.

"Americans," writes Life, "like Finns. Finland is the only nation that has paid its war-debt installments to the U. S. in full and on time."

The authors of this publicity stunt on the leader of the Finnish White-Guards apparently have a highly developed sense of humor. For next to the photograph showing Mannerheim in the role of a court lackey of the Russian tsar, Life prints a facsimile of the last page of the Finnish Constitution, bearing the flowery signature of the "Republican" Mannerheim.

## SIGNATURE IN BLOOD

Life prints the Mannerheim signature on the Finnish Constitution in ordinary black ink, but actually this signature is a red bloodstain running through Finland's history.

It is no mere chance that Carl Gustav Mannerheim was photographed together with the Tsar Nicholas Romanov 43 years ago. Under the last Tsar, Mannerheim was a servile and obedient vassal, and when the victorious people executed Nicholas II, the leader of the Finnish reactionaries continued to perform the behests of the Tsar.

Mannerheim held a commission of a General of Cavalry in the tsarist army. But this was a mere formality, for actually he was a general of gendarmes (militarized police).

It is true that Karl Gustav participated in the Russo-Japanese and World Wars, but there is no record of bravery on his part at the battlefield. But there are plenty of records to show that this tsarist favorite performed his master's orders and perpetrated wholesale massacres of defenseless civilian populations in



CZAR'S RIGHT-HAND MAN—Bloody Mannerheim (arrow right) marches in the coronation exercises of Tsar Nicholas II (arrow left) in 1896.

## THE LIBERATOR OF FINLAND LIFE—October 23, 1939 MOBILIZES AGAINST RUSSIA

Reproduced in heading in "LIFE's" illustrated article on Bloody Mannerheim. Already in October there is the admission of plans for a drive on the Soviet Union.

Persia during the Revolution in that country.

## WON A GOLD SWORD

Nicholas II was so delighted with the valor of his general of gendarmes that he presented him with a sword of gold.

The Persian expedition, however, was, as it were, the first of Mannerheim's pen, or more correctly, his sword.

Mannerheim had ample opportunity to demonstrate his abilities to the full in Finland in 1918. Landlord Mannerheim then had ample scope for his creative inspiration and sadistic passion, engineering the massacre and brutal slaughter of the Finnish workers and farmers.

In 1918 not less than 20,000 Finnish working people were shot, bayoneted or torn to bits by hand grenades. Before the execution, Mannerheim's men tortured their victims, gouging out their eyes and cutting off their ears. The wounded were flung into

graves together with the killed, women were raped before being executed.

Mannerheim who ordered the execution of Russian schoolboys held as prisoners of war in Viipuri (Viborg).

## KILLED SCHOOLBOYS

This Field Marshall who cannot boast of a single real victory over an armed foe, showed his abundant bravery when it came to fighting women and children.

Mannerheim threw 90,000 working people into prisons and concentration camps after the Civil War. Most of these prisoners of the Finnish counter-revolution died of hunger, cold and torture.

Ten years elapsed and the Finnish labor movement which this madman in kid gloves regarded as suppressed forever, sprang into renewed life. Mannerheim immediately sent his hastily organized bands of ruffians the Lapo fascists, into action, and they destroyed labor printing plants

Press Agent's Stunt Is No Cloak for Brutal Murder of Finns

and clubs, lynched progressive workers and systematically organized insolent anti-Soviet provocations.

## HIS MASTER AND SERVANTS

Field Marshal Mannerheim, like every regular general of gendarmes, had his masters and servants.

His master is international finance capital, Finnish and foreign capitalists, like the owners of the British Shell Oil Company, who generously subsidize the activities of Mannerheim's gangs.

His lackey is Finnish Social Democracy. In 1929 and the early part of 1930, when Mannerheim's men smashed the labor organizations, Vaino Tanner, leader of the Finnish Social-Democrats and Chairman of the Executive of the Social-Democratic Party, hastened to explain that only the Communists were responsible for the recent events.

At Mannerheim's orders, the Finnish "Constitutional" Government closed down Left papers and printing plants. The Social-Democratic servitor again came to the rescue of the pogromist general.

## APOLOGY FROM THE 'LEFT'

Tanner made the following statement, a combination of the insolence and cynicism of a case-hardened fakir: "The Social-Democrats consider that the Government had no other way out, for who could expect it to dispatch troops to protect Communist printing plants."

Once more today, when Karl Gustav has started his last campaign against the Land of Soviets and Red Leningrad, which he vowed to capture even 20 years ago, Tanner limps behind the newly-hatched Marlborough in the role of his obedient henchman.

The gentlemen on Life magazine, without realizing it, published a very symbolic photograph. At the dawn of his brilliant career, this bloody executioner of the Finnish people led the bloody hangman of the peoples of Russia to the throne.

The Finnish people will put in the wastebasket of history the Mannerheims and their Social-Democratic lackeys, the Tanners.

## Maverick Freed On Charge of Tax Irregularity

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 4 (UP).—Mayor Maury Maverick today was freed on a charge of paying the poll tax of R. L. O'Brien, a union worker, but was ordered to trial on other charges of violating election laws.

District Judge Bryce Ferguson ruled before Maverick's defense introduced a single witness—that the state had not proved he paid O'Brien's "head tax" during his election campaign last January.

## Nobody Mad? Britons Greet U-Boat Crew

LONDON, Dec. 4 (UP).—When the captured crew of a U-boat were landed in Britain today, the Nazis were cheered by British seamen on nearby warships.

## Rome Fascist Students Cheer Ryti Regime

1,000 Gather at Soviet Embassy in Hostile Demonstration

ROME, Dec. 4 (UP).—Fascist students, shouting "down with Russia," massed in new demonstrations today and more than 1,000 grenadiers and carabinieri were sent to guard the Soviet Embassy.

The demonstrations began, as did those Saturday, with a friendly manifestation outside the Finnish Legation. The Finnish Minister greeted the demonstrators with a fascist salute on Saturday. After cheering the Finnish Minister and crying, "may Finland win" and "long live Finland," the students began their march toward the Embassy.

Even while the demonstration was under way, the official radio announced that the Chamber of Fascist Corporations, successor to the old Chamber of Deputies, would meet Dec. 14 under its new chairman, Dino Grandi, Minister of Justice.

The Fascist Grand Council, supreme body of the hierarchy, already had been summoned to meet next Thursday.

The call for the chamber meeting came as fascist interest in the Balkans grew. Only yesterday authoritative fascist circles warned that Italy might intervene in the Balkans.

## Not Fighting Finnish People, Says Molotov

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League of Nations session if it takes place.

## RECOGNIZES ONLY PEOPLE'S GOVT

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 4.—The Soviet Government tonight informed Sweden that it recognizes only the People's Government of Finland and that "therefore there can now be no question of any negotiations with the 'government'" of Risto Ryti.

Premier-Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov made the Soviet position clear to Swedish Minister Wilhelm Winter, who conveyed the desire of the "government" of Ryti to open new negotiations with the USSR.

The Tass news agency issued the following announcement on the Molotov-Winter conversation:

"Received by Molotov on Dec. 4, Swedish Minister M. Winter announced the desire of the so-called 'Finnish Government' to undertake new negotiations for an agreement with the Soviet Government."

"Molotov explained to M. Winter that the Soviet Government does not recognize the so-called 'Finnish Government' which has already left the city of Helsinki in an unknown direction, and that therefore there can be no question of any negotiations with this 'government'."

"The Soviet Government recognizes only the People's Government of the Finnish Democratic Republic, has concluded with it a treaty of mutual assistance and friendship, and this is a reliable basis for the development of peaceful and favorable relations between the USSR and Finland."

## Soviet Press Refutes Lies About Bombing Civilians

MOSCOW, Dec. 4 (UP).—Official press statements said today that Soviet aviators were not bombing civilians. Pravda, central Communist Party organ, said the Soviet air force has been told to "remember once more that the Red Army is not fighting the Finnish people. . . . Not one bomb must be dropped upon a human dwelling."

Instead of bombs the Red Army planes are dropping pamphlets on the Finnish people urging them to support the People's Government of the Democratic Republic of Finland.

Pravda said that any Soviet aviator violating the warning against civilian bombardment "will be severely punished."

Pravda, citing a Soviet air raid at Viipuri (Viborg) on Friday, said the orders to the Red airmen to refrain from bombing civilians "really were superfluous because Soviet airmen are too humanitarian ever to fight unarmed people."

The bombs at Viborg, it was said, were directed against a high tension line supplying current to electrified barbed wire entanglements of Finland's Mannerheim line of fortifications on the Karelian Isthmus south of Viborg.

The Mannerheim Line, named for Marshal Baron Karl Gustav Mannerheim, soon will "suffer the fate of Poland's famed Little Maginot Line," Pravda said.

Viborg's large electric plant "formed a beautiful target but the Soviet planes refrained from bombing it because they wanted to preserve it for the suffering Finnish people," it was added.

## Press Wails for Petsamo, Where Morgan Invests \$5

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"The company has a stake of over \$1,000,000 in the nickel mine of the Kestonvuo region at Petsamo, Finland. Since 1923 expenditures on the property have totaled \$2,975,000 and capital expenditures for 1939 were estimated at \$4,300,000, which would make a total investment of \$7,275,000."

The Helsinki Government, headed by Ryti and Mannerheim admits in one of its publications that "The supply of nickel ore at Petsamo is estimated at about 3 or 4 million tons and the annual output is estimated at 3 million kilograms or more than the present output in any other country in Europe."

In controlling the Petsamo mines, Wall Street controls the nickel supply of Finland and of Europe.

## WHO OWNS IT

But who controls International Nickel?

Its president is Robert C. Stanley. Mr. Stanley is a member of the Board of Directors of the United States Steel Corp., where he looks after the interests of the House of Morgan. Miss Anna Rochester states in her authoritative study, "Rulers of America," that International Nickel "has at least one Morgan man from Bankers Trust." That man is Seward Prosser.

"Eighty to ninety per cent of the world's total nickel supply is controlled by International Nickel which is in turn definitely controlled by E. I. DuPont, the House of Morgan, Hayden Stone, of Wall Street and the Imperial Chemical Industries of London." (page 189).

The Wall Street Journal yesterday morning dropped a discreet hint as to Wall Street's interest in the Ryti-Mannerheim capitalist government. It quoted Mr. Robert C. Stanley's 1937 report to the stockholders: "A substantial tonnage of ore of excellent grade has been proved by diamond drilling at the mines 40 miles south-

east of the town of Petsamo, Finland near the Russian border, and prompt steps are being taken to develop the property for an output of 1,000,000 pounds of nickel and 500,000 pounds of copper per month."

It is no secret that Premier Ryti of the Helsinki Government has visited these Wall Street banks many times in the past few years, that he is their acting agent. It is also no secret that Ryti is a direct agent of Montagu Norman of the Bank of England, and that he has been knighted by the British empire for "his cooperation" in enslaving the Finnish people to foreign imperialist capital.

It is against this Wall Street-Morgan-DuPont outfit that the new Peoples Government at Terioki is attempting to establish real Finnish independence. If the press talks about "puppet government" puppet of the Wall Street and London bankers, the Roosevelt administration policy of intervention in Finland to provoke hostilities is based on the defense of these financial interests.

These are some of the hard facts behind the Administration and newspaper campaign of lying against the Soviet policy in Finland and the new democratic government.

## Oil Trust Asks U. S. Intervene Against Mexico

Firms' Representatives to Confer With Hull on Expropriation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (UP).—Representatives of American oil firms whose properties were expropriated by the Mexican government will confer with state department officials soon, Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today.

Hull indicated the meeting would be held after the receipt and study of the text of the Mexican Supreme Court decision last week holding the expropriations legal and ruling, in effect, that the companies only had title to surface petroleum on their lands.

Hitherto the state department has acted only indirectly in the dispute which involves some \$250,000,000 worth of American property. But now that the companies have exhausted their last recourse under Mexican law—the supreme court—the department is said to feel that the matter calls for diplomatic negotiation under international law.

When questioned regarding what steps might be taken, Hull replied that all phases of the situation are under consideration including, possibly, the halting of shipments to this country of oil produced from expropriated fields.

Officials other than Hull have indicated the State Department will take a firm stand in demanding settlement of the American claims. The department is thoroughly familiar with the dispute. Both Donald R. Richberg and Patrick J. Hurley, attorneys for the American firms, have been called into consultation on various occasions. A first-hand report also was received recently from Josephus Daniels, ambassador to Mexico.

Many difficulties in reaching a settlement were expected, not the least of which will be the Mexican court's ruling which declares that Mexico is liable to payment only for surface improvements on the American properties, such as buildings and derricks, and the money actually invested by the firms, minus depreciation and profits from production.

## U. S., Tokyo Mum on Parley Of Ministers

TOKYO, Tuesday, Dec. 5 (UP).—Secrecy today surrounded the long conference yesterday between Foreign Minister Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura and U. S. Ambassador Joseph C. Grew.

It was the second conversation between the Foreign Minister and the Ambassador since Grew's return from Washington where he conferred with President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

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## Soviet Treaty With Finnish People's Government Lays Basis For Lasting Peace and Prosperity of Finnish People

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 4.—The new treaty of mutual assistance and friendship between the Soviet Union and the Finnish Democratic Republic lays the basis for turning Finland from a hotbed of anti-Soviet war machinations to a sturdy bulwark of peace in northern Europe. Pravda, Soviet Communist Party central newspaper, declared today.

"The Soviet people acclaimed with unanimous enthusiasm the speech by V. M. Molotov on Nov. 29, announcing the Soviet Government's decision to put an end to the insolent provocation of the puppet Finnish reactionaries and thereby to open the road to friendly negotiations with genuine representatives of the Finnish people," Pravda said.

"Two or three days passed and the mighty blow of the valiant Red Army, in reply to the provocative actions on the Soviet frontier, caused panic and consternation among the bankrupt politicians of the Finnish bourgeoisie."

"One government was replaced by another in a vain attempt to bring to their foreign patrons and instigators."

## FINNISH WORKERS RESPOND

"At the same time the voice of Finland's working people is heard in liberated Finland. Friendly cooperation between the Soviet Government and the Finnish

people was established from the very start of the operations of the Red Army, now demolishing the chains of foreign imperialism which bound the Finnish working people hand and foot.

"This cooperation is now consolidated by the mutual assistance and friendship pact concluded between the Soviet Union and the Democratic Republic of Finland."

"Messrs. Cajander and Tanner could not find a common language with the Soviet Government because they were guided not by a desire to maintain peace but by hatred for the U.S.S.R., to please their foreign masters."

"The negotiators were disrupted by the Finnish war provocateurs. The press of the imperialist instigators of world war, who like to have others pull their chestnuts out of the fire, encouraged the myopic Finnish bourgeois politicians to incite war against the U.S.S.R."

## HISTORIC STEP

"In contrast to this, the negotiations between the Soviet Government and the representatives of the Democratic Republic of Finland were completed in a very short period. A common language was found from the very start, for it was the language of friendship and profound mutual trust."

"The pact signifies a new historic page in the history of the relations of the two neighboring

states. It removes once and for all every ground for mutual distrust and creates the basis for a firm and durable friendship."

"This treaty destroys the most dangerous hobbed of war created at the very border of the Soviet Union by the former plutocratic rule in Finland."

"There is no need to prove that not a single democratic power, such as Britain, France or the United States, would ever agree to conclude a similar treaty with a small and weak country like Finland. Anyone of these 'democratic' powers would prefer to resort to the strength of its army and to seize Finnish territory, making Finland a dependent state."

## EXPOSES LIE CAMPAIGN

"Only the Soviet Union, which is fundamentally opposed to the seizure of foreign territory and the enslavement of foreign peoples, could take such action as using its entire political and military power not to seize and subjugate Finland but to strengthen its territory by transferring to it en Finland's independence, extend part of the Soviet territory, and to establish friendly relations with Finland."

"The historic significance of the Soviet-Finnish pact consists in the fact that it exposes the lies of the foreign press and foreign politicians on the nature of the Soviet Union's foreign policy."

in that it establishes peace in eastern and northeastern Europe and frustrates the possibility of turning Finland into a base for attack against the U.S.S.R."

"Consequently, the pact heightens the security of Finland, the U.S.S.R. and the Baltic countries in general."

"The foreign press and foreign 'democratic' leaders have been clamoring for several days that the Red Army's entry into Finland allegedly signifies a seizure of Finnish territory, the abolition of Finnish independence and transformation of Finland into a province of the Soviet Union."

## PEOPLE REUNITED

"Now, after conclusion of the pact between the U.S.S.R. and the Democratic Republic of Finland, these lies of the 'civilized' slanderers have been thoroughly exposed."

"Far from taking anything from Finland, the U.S.S.R. has transferred to that country 70,000 square kilometers of Soviet territory, thereby reuniting the Karelian people inhabiting the territory bordering on Finland, with the Finnish nation."

"All and sundry warmongers abroad, covering up their deception of the masses by the flag of 'neutrality' are raising a fuss that the Red Army allegedly is violating the neutrality of the northern countries, that it is marching into Finland as an ag-



## Misled by 'The Chief', 3,500 Men Wait All Night for Jobs Not Open

Misled by an announcement appearing in "The Chief" civil service paper published by Frank J. Prial, Tammany hack, 3,500 New Yorkers, including men with degrees from three universities began gathering at the Civil Service Commission offices, 96 Duane St., as early as six o'clock Sunday night. They were looking for jobs to sweep New York streets.

So desperate for jobs that they did not bother to find out whether the jobs were competitive or not, the unemployed, led by John O'Meara, 25, 1615 Tenth Ave., Brooklyn, had gathered in the hundreds by midnight and special police were detailed to the line.

The irony of the situation is that they couldn't even apply for

the jobs yesterday and may apply as late as Dec. 26 with the same chance of getting work.

"This is the result of irresponsible journalism on the part of 'The Chief,' said Paul J. Kern, president of the Municipal Civil Service Commission yesterday. "The Chief is controlled by a man, Frank J. Prial who held office under Tammany for 20 years and who has been very abusive to this commission. At least they didn't take the pains to verify it."

### CIO PAPER AGREES

Officials of the State, County and Municipal Workers, CIO, yesterday agreed with Mr. Kern and stated that the CIO paper for Civil Service workers, the "Civil Service Standard" had appeared last Friday with the announcement that applications for the

examination might be made from Dec. 6 to 26.

"Prial has printed similar misleading announcements," union leaders said. "It is entirely his fault that these hundreds of men spent the night and half the day waiting for jobs they couldn't even apply for."

Yesterday morning after police had informed them that the applications could not be made the line started breaking up, but when an employee opened the door the unemployed pushed their way into the commission offices, shoving a policeman aside as they did.

The jobless were rounded up and put out of the building while police outside formed another line of those who were buying the Civil Service Bulletin

to get the correct information of the jobs.

By midnight Sunday there were about 50 waiting for the jobs. Many of them had brought blankets and were huddled in nearby restaurants waiting for the offices to open.

At dawn there were about 500 in the line which was forming and less than an hour later there were 1,000. Their line extended by this time nearly two blocks.

When Civil Service Commission employees informed them that examination blanks would be available to anyone the unemployed did not believe them.

"I can't do a thing with them," one cop said. "I told them the examinations would be opened on Wednesday, but it doesn't seem to make no difference to them."

## Vigilantes on Coast Attack Finnish Hall

### Clash Between "Right" and "Left" Groups Denied By Finns

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 4.—Threats of anti-labor violence simmering in Washington's air belt for several months broke into an organized vigilante attack Saturday night when marauding bands pillaged the Finnish Workers Hall here Saturday night and turned the wreckage into a bonfire.

Although the vigilantes had carried on for hours through the streets of the city, police arrived at the scene four hours later.

The only occupant at the hall when the mob came down upon it was the caretaker who fled through a rear door.

### FINNS DENY CLASH

Attempts in the newspapers to describe the attack as a "clash" between right and left groups among the Finnish people was denied. Leaders of the Finnish Brotherhood denied any connection with the affair. All progressive leaders among the Finns declared that the charge of "Communism" was brought up to "cover up the vigilante terrorism that had been brewing."

Seen as an outgrowth of increased activities of the KKK who have been burning crosses to intimidate members of the CIO in the lumber area, the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee now investigating west coast anti-labor terror, is being urged to send investigators to this city.

"The Communist Party," said H. P. Huff, county executive secretary, "vigorously condemns the wrecking of the hall as an attempt to create war frenzy among the Finnish people, which they have failed to do, with lies and distortion spread by the press and radio in connection with the Finnish-Soviet Union situation."

### KROSSES BURNED

"A dance planned for weeks by the Women's Committee of the Finnish Workers' Federation was cancelled when vigilantes began mobbing," a spokesman of the committee declared.

"In our poor American citizens but it seems to be hard. We occupied the hall for over 30 years. We held two classes, Finnish dance and song for the children and naturalization classes for the grown-ups."

The Ku Klux Klan, strongly entrenched here, has recently organized the "Better Business Builders" to terrorize the lumber region. Members of the CIO's lumber workers union have warned that "nightbirds" are burning crosses near lumber camps.

## BEHIND JERSEY 'BOMB' PLOT' IS DRIVE ON LABOR

By John Meldon

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 4.—City police in the Paterson-Passaic industrial area are busily working with open shop manufacturers in a drive aimed at suppressing the civil rights of the unions, and the working-class, using as a screen for their attack the alleged unearthing of a "dynamite sabotage plot."

Scare stories in the Newark Star Ledger, the Newark Morning News, the Paterson Morning Call and the Paterson Morning News, beginning last Saturday, attempted to whip up an anti-Communist drive over the reported finding of "dynamite caches," both in Paterson and Newark.

Most vociferous spokesmen for the open-shop industries, who dragged mythical "Communists" into the story was Acting Captain James Smith, head of the Paterson detective force, who declared, without the faintest shred of evidence, that:

"Early investigation points to a Communist plot. We are following several good leads and expect to make some arrests shortly."

Significantly, the Communist myth was dropped from both Newark and Paterson newspapers in the late Monday editions, when reporters working on the story became insistent on securing facts from the city police.

### "PLOT" DENOUNCED

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, called into the case, were understood to have denied to Newark reporters that there was any "evidence" involving "Communists."

The so-called discovery of "dynamite caches" occurred Friday, when a young ex-CCNY youth, Albert Guidici, 17, of 254 Ferry St., of this city, found a cardboard box containing several sticks of dynamite near the Passaic River.

Later, another "discovery" was reported in Paterson by local police. The Communist Party of Paterson, through its local leader, Martin Stone, flung a challenge to the city police and the editors of the two newspapers, in a statement which sharply denounced the "Communist plot" story as a maneuver to whip up a red scare and further the drive of big employers toward driving this country into war.

Miss Stone demanded that the editors of the newspapers print the denial of the "plot" and the statement of the Communist Party, which pointed out that the "program and aims of the C. P. are known to all."

### DRIVE AGAINST UNIONS

The real purpose of the alleged "Communist plot" was made clear by Leonard Goldsmith, New Jersey State Secretary of the CIO, who was interviewed by the Daily Worker: "While the unions have not

been mentioned," he said, "all this newspaper talk of 'sabotage' is understandable enough to anyone in touch with the trade union movement in New Jersey."

"There is a sharp drive on against the unions, particularly the CIO, by open shop employers, especially in the war industries."

"Around Paterson and Passaic, where the big Wright Aeronautics Corporation and U. S. Rubber and several other war industries plants are located, and where the CIO is driving to organize the unorganized," he said, "the employers have started widespread rumors that the workers are not permitted to join the CIO because these plants are working on 'government orders.'"

"While it's true the war plants are working on government orders," he went on, "it is absolutely untrue that the CIO has therefore been put into an 'illegal' status."

"This is a repetition of the infamous drive against union activities in the steel industry in this country in 1918 and 1919, when millions of dollars were spent on steel trust propaganda among American and foreign-born steel workers to put over the lying idea that both unions and strikes had been outlawed because the plants were working on government orders."

### NOTORIOUS ALIEN BILL

"While the whole thing is an employer fabrication, it has some effect among many workers, but the unions are fighting the conspiracy tooth and nail."

"All hysteria stories in the press about 'sabotage' and such wild rumors are merely part of the employer drive against the constitutional rights of unions and labor generally."

The CIO leader pointed out that the attack on civil liberties in New Jersey is proceeding at a rapid rate on all fronts.

"Last month," he said, "the State Senate passed the notorious 'alien bill' which calls for fingerprinting and registering all non-citizens. That same law was found unconstitutional in Pennsylvania, but the employers of this state intend to use it as did the Pennsylvania industrialists in their war drive against civil rights and the unions."

He outlined several other anti-union tactics being used in New Jersey, chief among them the method of the Wright-Aeronautics Corp., which is working full blast, but is hiring no new workers: "Instead of hiring new workers to

produce its huge war orders," he said, "the company is working its employees at a high rate of overtime and terrific speed-up."

The company is operating on the wrong theory that the overtime pay will leave its employees 'satisfied.'"

As an instance of the conspiracy of the triumvirate of the city police, the local press and the employers, the CIO leader referred to an item in one of the Paterson newspapers which carried a story written in a manner calculated to develop the employer propaganda that the CIO cannot organize in the war industries plants. The item, headed "Crucible Steel Strike Looms," purposely called the Crucible steel workers "munitions workers," whereas in the past, all reference to steel workers in the New Jersey press in the past have been just "steel workers."

### EMPLOYER PROPAGANDA

The employers are drumming away at the idea that while they have been steel workers in the past, these same workers are now "munitions workers," employed on government orders, and therefore prohibited from joining a union, or exercising their constitutional rights to strike, if necessary.

Organizers in the textile, rubber, steel and other industries have reported a recent drastic increase in the firing on older workers in the industries, who are being replaced by young employees.

Meanwhile, union leaders have also found that a wholesale firing among foreign-born workers has been taking place under the guise of "cleaning out the aliens."

Thus, behind the "discovery" of "dynamite" in Newark and Paterson, the above is the true story of the New Jersey open shop war-makers' drive against the living standards of the working masses, and an attempt to silence the Communist Party, which leads in exposing the program of Wall Street, which is determined to plunge the nation into the imperialist war.

### Douglas Aircraft

#### Violates Act, Says

#### NLRB—Told to Stop

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (UP).—The National Labor Relations Board today held that "conditions of employment" required by the El Segundo, Calif., plant of the Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc., requiring employees to pledge that they would not go on strike are contrary to the Wagner Act.

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## High Court Revives Milk Trust Charges

### No Ruling on Union's Liability Under Trust Laws

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (UP).—The Supreme Court today reinstated anti-trust indictments against the Chicago milk industry. The decision, an important victory for the government, reversed the action of a northern Illinois Federal District Court which dismissed the sweeping charges brought against milk producers, distributors and handlers in the four-state Chicago area.

Labor circles had awaited the decision because of its possible effect on the long standing contention of labor that Congress never intended the anti-trust laws to apply to unions. The significance of the case was broadened, however, by necessity for a ruling on whether the Sherman Act could be invoked in agricultural situations which the Justice Department considers hindrance to trade.

The court, in a unanimous opinion written by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, said that the question whether the labor union is exempt from anti-trust statutes "is not open on this appeal."

"The District Court did not construe the Sherman Act as inapplicable to these defendants and the government's appeal... does not present that question," the Court said.

### THE UNION ANGLE

The indictments charged that the Pure Milk Association conspired with milk delivery companies to set the price to be paid to farmers. The corporations themselves set a price for the consumer, it was alleged. An American Federation of Labor Teamsters Union cooperated by creating labor trouble for firms cutting prices, it was charged.

The city Board of Health was involved by its methods of certifying farms eligible to ship into the city, the charges stated.

The Court's action today does not decide the guilt or innocence of those accused. No trial has been held on that question.

Before the case came to trial, the defendants asked the District Court to quash the indictments on grounds Congress has removed the production and distribution of agricultural commodities from the scope of anti-trust statutes by the passage of the Agricultural Marketing Agreements Act in the early days of the New Deal, the Capper-Volstead Act and others.

The government appealed from that ruling.

In other decisions today the Supreme Court:

1. Affirmed a lower court ruling that the Union Stock Yard and Transit Co. of Chicago is a common carrier whose charges for loading and unloading livestock are subject to Interstate Commerce Commission supervision.

2. Ruled that the Interstate Commerce Commission acted within its powers when it required, as a condition to approving an economy move, that a Midwest railroad provide certain benefits for employees affected by the change.

The Court reversed a lower court decision in a case brought by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad.

Attorneys regarded the high court's action as a possible indication of the extent to which the ICC may examine and act on labor questions.

3. Ruled that a \$450,000 cash gift Dr. Edward Stephen Hayes, Portland, Ore., made to his heirs shortly before his death is subject to inheritance taxation by the state of Oregon. The high tribunal remanded the case back to the Oregon Supreme Court for reconsideration.

"To hold that there is a constitutional barrier to the tax sought to be imposed would be to make a fetish of form," the Supreme Court said in an opinion by Justice William O. Douglas.

4. Held the National Labor Relations Board properly exercised its powers in ordering the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. to disestablish a company-dominated union.



UNEMPLOYMENT IN SMALL QUANTITIES: A troupe of Singer's models, all of whom have been out of work since the closing of the Golden Gate Exposition, visit Mervin Levy, of the San Francisco staff of the State Unemployment Commission, to ask for jobs or relief.

## Alliance Wins Pay Restoration for White Collar Jobs

### WPA's Action Follows Protests to Harrington and Demonstrations; Action Means As High As \$11 Monthly Increases

Restoration of wage cuts for several thousands of WPA white collar workers has been won by the Workers Alliance, it was announced yesterday.

Slashes of \$11 to \$19 a month were ordered by Washington for 13,000 New York white collar workers last

## Mrs. Roosevelt Tells of Check on Youth Group

### Not 'Duped,' She Says of Youth Congress; Has Studied Its Program

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (UP).—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt today refused to say whether she felt the Dies Committee should be continued. She repeated her criticism of the attitude of J. B. Matthews, committee investigator. She added that Matthews later became courteous.

"I know a great many of the young people working as officers of the American Youth Congress, or with the others," she said. "I know a great many of the young people who belong."

"I have read all the literature published in the last year. I have read all the resolutions passed in every congress except the first. "I have watched with great care all the programs of work as proposed and as carried out. While I do not always agree with them, I find nothing which indicates any outside control. I find nothing in their scope of action which any American citizen cannot take with propriety."

"I have gone over all their financial reports. I know who contributes, and how the very limited budget is spent."

"What else can one do to safeguard one's self from being duped?" Vassar president Henry Noble MacCracken is not a Communist but students there probably run the gamut from extreme conservatism to extreme radicalism, she said in response to queries about Communism on the Vassar campus.

## 20 Killed, But Manila Escapes Typhoon

MANILA, Tuesday, Dec. 5 (UP).—A typhoon which devastated parts of Luzon Island yesterday veered to the North today and it was believed that Manila had escaped the full force of the storm which was known to have killed more than 20 fishermen

## Stooge Union Fostered on Frisco Docks

### Employers Stall in Talks With Clerks, Reject Bridges' Proposal

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Company unionism is being fostered on the docks here by certain employers who are at the same time stalling the negotiations for settlement with the clerks, according to charges made by the Ship Clerks Local 1-34.

Spokesmen for the local nevertheless have agreed to return to conferences being conducted by Dr. Louis Bloch, of the Maritime Labor Board.

Meanwhile the employers have agreed to withdraw their objections to Governor Olson's five man commission which is investigating the possibility of the state operating the harbor during the emergency.

A proposal by Harry Bridges that the men return to work while a third impartial agency investigates the possibility of operating the port under the terms of the San Pedro contract has been rejected by the employers.

"The clerks union is presenting the facts on the back-to-work movement recently inaugurated by certain employers through the channel of an organization similar to the company union and known on the waterfront as the 'Terminal Club,' he said.

"This club was formed of American Hawaiian Line monthly clerks headed by Frank (Popeye) Hyams, who on several occasions used the club as a union-busting outfit. The lookout last June was through the manipulation of this club.

"Hyams was suspended from the union some months ago because of his policy of not paying dues which he advocated for all members. His record of anti-unionism is well known on the waterfront."

"He has advocated undemocratic ousting of union officials. He has made other demands calculated to bring about non-union conditions in the industry."

"Hyams was also the self-appointed committee who called on Mayor Rossi several days ago."

## Furriers Call Council Meeting On Dues Issue

The Furriers' Joint Council called for special membership meetings of its four affiliated locals to decide on changes in the union's dues system and to hear a report on the strike against the shops of the Greek Fur Manufacturers' Association.

Operators Local 105 will meet at 5:30 today at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place; Nallers, Local 110, tomorrow at 5:30 at the union's auditorium; Cutters, Local 101, Thursday at 5:30 P. M. at Irving Plaza, and Finishers, Local 115, at Webster Hall, 119 East 11th St., at 5:30 P. M.

## Coast Guard Searches for 13 Missing Fishermen

BOSTON, Dec. 4 (UP).—Coast Guards searched New England coastal waters today for 13 men missing in two fishing boats. Carrying a crew of 10, the 62-foot scallop dragger Madeline and Flora was five days overdue at Rockland, Me.

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## Cleveland's Hungry Demand Food of City

City Council Votes to Restore Relief as Mayor Says He Doesn't Know Where Money Is Coming From

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of about four cents a day a meal. They face continuation of this hunger diet until after Christmas.

### APPLE, FLOUR DIET

The Christmas announcement was made today by the Republican Mayor, Harold H. Burton. The city "will be able to continue the present scale until the first of the year," he said.

"Couples without children" and single men have a worse fare — if that is possible with the rising scale of food prices here. They are forced to live on apples and flour. For how long they don't know.

Thousands who have never even been admitted to the wretched relief that is being doled out under the most rigid restrictions are not even taken into account in the above figures.

Cleveland newspapers are not giving the story of suffering much space. They bury under a barrage of war news and their only comments are discussions as to whether the state or city officials are responsible.

### DISEASE THREAT

In addition to the carloads of flour and apples which the unemployed are expected to thrive on, there have arrived two carloads of rolled oats, navy beans and butter.

Assistant City Relief Commissioner Sidney B. Rowley said that about 12,000 of the 16,000 ruelless cut off all relief last week would share these goods.

A warning that the crisis in relief would make many of the jobless ready victims for disease was issued by Alice H. Smith, nutritionist of the Cleveland Health Council.

Miss Smith warned against possible increases in pneumonia, influenza, tuberculosis and common colds which might develop into more serious sicknesses.

Last week she said, one family was reported to her as having lived on cornmeal, a small quantity of oatmeal and some coffee.

### HEALTH PERMANENTLY IMPAIRED

"They didn't die," she said, "but the death rate doesn't tell the whole story of what happens to a community in times like these. In some of the people, the damage caused by months of living on insufficient food will never be repaired."

Dr. Harold G. Knapp, city health commissioner, said that so far the calls for city physicians and nurses were "about normal."

City Welfare Director Fred W. Ramsey doubted that the WPA program could be expanded effectively for at least another week. Relief would have to be continued for those who were taken on, he said, for two weeks after that because in that time the workers will not receive any WPA wages.

Last week Arnold Johnson, Ohio Secretary of the Workers Alliance, led a delegation to City Hall and presented to Mayor Burton the Alliance demands for the alleviation of the hunger crisis.

"The city administration," Johnson said, "is responsible for every act of desperation in this crisis."

"This is no time for ock packing and playing football with starvation. Efforts of Big Business to smash the living standards of the people must be stopped."

"The Federal, state and city governments must assume responsibility for the welfare and security of the people now."

The Alliance demands as put forward by Johnson are:

1. Immediate rescinding of the cuts and restoration of relief to proper standards.
2. All city funds now on hand must be used immediately to eliminate suffering.
3. Funds from other sources to be transferred to take care of relief for the rest of the year.
4. The city to sponsor at once more

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## As Ship Hit Mine in Singapore Harbor



Made from deck of the stricken ship, these photos show lifeboats leaving the Sirdhana after the ship struck a mine in Singapore harbor, sinking with a loss of eleven lives. Left, one of the lifeboats almost stands on its nose as davit tackle jams, throwing its occupants into the water. Right, a boat gets away safely. Black spots on pictures were caused by film getting wet when the photographer jumped into the water. British officer on shore said he did not warn the Sirdhana of her danger because he "lacked the authority."

## Mannerheim's Troops Burn Finn Villages

British Made Mines Shatter Remaining Village Houses

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chine gunner was perched on a windmill and had to be destroyed. He turned out to be a member of the Schutz corps, the most reactionary and contemptible organization of the Finnish bourgeoisie and landlords.

### SCARED BY OFFICERS

We saw Finnish prisoners of war in Terijoki. We spoke to them. One of them was terribly nervous and frightened, his hands trembling. He was poorly dressed in a worn-out grey uniform jacket and carried an old rifle. He refused to reply to questions, and when asked why, he said he would be shot anyway.

The Finnish officers scare their soldiers by all sorts of slanders and lies that the Red Army men and commissars execute all prisoners, regardless of whether they are officers, soldiers or generals. And since the soldiers are torn away from their families and general life, they have no way of establishing the truth. Consequently, many of them believe these officers' lies.

The Red Army is dealing with a perfidious, cowardly, insidious and malicious foe. All these qualities were revealed at the very outset of military operations.

No sooner had the first Red Army man set foot on Finnish territory than he was met with the deafening explosion of a hidden mine. Mines have been concealed everywhere.

I accompanied an infantry battalion in its march along the Viipuri (Viborg) road to the village of Yappinen. Only a few minutes before the time of writing, the battalion drove the White Guard Finns from this village. The retreating Finnish chausseurs set fire to the village and now it is a mass of flames.

In the center of the village stands a house which remained untouched by shellfire. It is a simple, peaceful peasant cottage, but like the other houses it is empty. The Finnish military authorities forced the entire population to evacuate to special camps. This hostile-looking peasant cottage proved to be a treacherous trap. A Red Army man tried to open the door and was met with a mine explosion.

ALL OF BRITISH ORIGIN  
Mines hidden by White-Guard Finns in haystacks, bushes and manure heaps exploded under Red

tanks before our very eyes. The mines failed to damage the tanks but some Red Army men were shell-shocked.

Incidentally, every mine we discovered was of British origin.

The Finnish White-Guard bandits have mastered the foul art of cowardly warfare "from around the corner," of treacherous blows in the back. They practice this art at every step.

The morning of the third day found us at on the Leningrad-Terijoki road. The road was cut by a deep ravine. The sappers who were busily filling it in cursed the Finnish White-Guards.

"What skunks," one of them told me. "They can't fight and retreat as fast as their legs will carry them. But they certainly are past masters in every kind of dirty trick."

Three steps ahead the road is barred by heavy logs. Under each log is hidden a mine, and as soon as you try to remove the log, a mine explodes.

A well built stone wall stretches across the road. Everything indicates that the Finns prepared for this war for a long time, for everywhere we encounter barricades of logs, fallen trees along the entire frontier, thousands of concealed mines, traps, stone humps across the road.

British mines have been placed on the roads and in the entrances to almost every house. Before retreating, the Finnish militarists mined stores, drugstores, barber shops, officers and even churches.

## Steinway Piano Workers Win Union Contract

Two Year Agreement Provides for \$8 Wage Boost Monthly

United Piano Workers, Steinway Local 102 of the United Furniture Workers of America, affiliated with the CIO, have announced the signing of an agreement with the Steinway & Sons, piano manufacturers.

Upon the signing of the two year agreement which provides for a union shop, the 650 employees in the firm became members of the union with wage increases amounting to from 24 per cent for the productive employees and 74 per cent for employees who are non-productive, bringing the wages up to an average of from \$3 to \$8 a month.

Among the improvements, the contract provides for strict seniority, time and a half for overtime and double time for work on holidays and Sundays, one week vacation with pay, adjustment of wages upward in the event of a rise in cost of living. Also there is a war service clause that in the event of declared or undeclared war all employees entering military service to return to their jobs after the conflict is over; a complete grievance and arbitration machinery, the manufacturing of all necessary parts purchased from outside manufacturers to be discontinued as far as possible and practical. The work week is 42 hours for the first year and 40 the next.

Steinway & Sons now becomes a 100 per cent union shop and should receive the full support of organized labor as far as purchasing power is concerned, the union declared.

### Woman, 106, Dies

BAYONNE, France, Dec. 3 (UP).—Madame Loube, said to have been the oldest woman in France, died in her Cape Breton home today at the age of 106 years and five months.

## Faculty Body Dodges Issue In Decision

Asks Withdrawal of Invitation to Both Day and Night Sessions

The New York section of the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom addressed a letter yesterday to the faculty committee of student affairs at City College requesting that they permit the scheduled forum on civil liberties to be held on Dec. 21 at which Earl Browder and three other speakers have been invited.

The letter which was signed by professor Franz Boas of Columbia University; prof. R. T. Cox, NYU; prof. Wesley C. Mitchell, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and six other noted professors of Columbia and City College, declared:

"We have followed with concern the public controversy aroused by the proposal of the Student Legislative Congress of the City College to hold a forum on civil liberties, to which Mr. Earl Browder, a representative of the Dies Committee, and spokesmen of other viewpoints have been invited. We hope that the City College will follow the good example of Yale University."

While pressure was being directed from students' groups on the Faculty Committee in charge of student affairs, which met yesterday from 3:30 until late in the evening after having been visited by the reactionary George U. Harvey, Borough president of Queens, Lambert Fairchild, red-baiting Republican politician, the students' Legislative Congress passed a resolution reaffirming its position to hold the civil liberties forum with Earl Browder as one of the speakers.

### STRAIDLE FENCE

The student faculty committee finally straddled the fence in its ruling requesting "that the invitation to Mr. Browder to speak at both day and evening sessions of the college be withdrawn."

The half-hearted ruling of the committee reveals that it was swayed by Harvey, Fairchild and Mrs. Martha Byrnes, city Registrar, who literally "raided" the college yesterday and called for the closing of the institution if the demands of the students were granted.

Harvey declared that "if every student of CCNY, knowing that Browder advocates the overthrow of the government, votes to hear him speak, the institution should be closed down."

The gang of crusaders against American democracy and freedom of speech, interrupted the regular business of the college as Fairchild, Mrs. Byrnes, Winfield J. Demarest of the American Youth League, all accompanied by rough looking strong-arm men, shouted threats and warnings against students who played them with questions about the protection of civil liberties.

### FEARS 'ENTHUSIASM'

For a while it seemed that Fairchild had himself assumed the office of president of the college. When students asked him about academic freedom and the right to participate in economic and political forums, Fairchild warned them that this would be dangerous.

"Your minds are not yet formed," he said, "and you are just the kind whose emotions will lead us into socialism."

Official pressure was brought to bear on the student paper, Main Events, by the faculty for daring to invite Browder to speak at the college. William Fagerstrom, faculty adviser to the paper and a member of the committee which invited Browder, resigned yesterday, but the paper refused to accept his resignation.

Main Events, in an editorial appearing today, condemned the action by camera men as they left the building.

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## 'Couldn't Stomach Wall St.'

RESEMER, Ala., Dec. 4.—J. J. Reynolds, Jr., Columbia University graduate and former member of the New York Stock Exchange, is deriving from a day laborer's job in a pipe foundry here the peace of mind that he failed to find in Wall Street.

The thirty-one year old pipe

maker said he gave up market operations "because I couldn't sleep at night, thinking about making money that way."

"My conscience bothered me. I hated everything about the Stock Exchange. I felt that making money there meant taking bread out of the mouths of others."

## Rising Prices Seen By U.S. in War Crisis

Statistician Sees Living Cost Trend Already on Upgrade—Continued Advance in Living Forecast After Survey

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (UP).—Dr. Isador Lubin, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, said today that a period of rising prices and "painful economic readjustment" is in prospect as a result of the European war.

Lubin's prediction was made at the opening of the Federal Monopoly Committee's study of price trends. President Roosevelt had requested the committee keep price movements under "constant surveillance" in an attempt to check war profiteering. The hearing today was the start of the group's activity in that regard.

"The experience of the past 100 years," Lubin said, "has demonstrated repeatedly that major wars bring tremendous changes in prices and have far reaching affect upon the structure of industry and upon the entire economy. During the Civil War wholesale prices more than trebled. During the World War they more than doubled. Long before we entered the last war, however, the prices of some commodities rose as much as 3,000 per cent."

"If the past is any forecast of the future, and if the present European war should unfortunately be prolonged, the United States will be faced with a marked rise in the prices of many important commodities and a subsequent period of painful economic readjustment."

Lubin illustrated his testimony with charts and tables. Sen. William E. Borah, R., Ida., presided in the absence of Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney, D., Wyo.

Lubin said that "important changes" already have occurred in the domestic price structure since the war started.

"Curtalement of normal sources of supply has caused the wholesale price of numerous drugs and medicines to more than double in the last few months," he said.

Among basic commodities which he said had "sharply increased" in price, he listed burlap, zinc, galvanized steel, grains and wool, wheat and cotton.

Lubin said the situation confronting the United States today is "in many respects quite different from that which prevailed in our years immediately prior to our entering the World War." Industry has a far greater capacity, he said, and is more easily adaptable to substitute products. As a case in point, he cited basic chemicals for which the United States formerly depended upon Europe.

"Despite these changes, however," Lubin said, "there is no assurance that the price rises that already had begun will not continue and broaden to include a constantly wider group of commodities. If this happens we must expect an increase in the cost of living and a demand for increased wages by labor. Out of it all will come the same serious economic repercussions that we witnessed 20 years ago—an economy with widely expanded industrial facilities and increased agricultural acreage called forth by price increases and an expansion financed by inflated values with a consequent burden of high fixed charges and mortgage indebtedness."

As students at City College battled for their rights, three groups at Brooklyn College yesterday distributed leaflets on the campus condemning the action of President Harry D. Giddens, and the faculty students committee which voted 6 to 4 for the gag order banning Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party for speaking.

The leaflets, calling for a reconsideration of the committee's decision, were issued by the Students Civil Liberties Committee, the American Student Union and the Young Communist League.

## George Gordon Battle Heads Staff For Browder Defense; Trial Up Dec. 18

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hand warmly and reminded her of the I.W.W. strikes of 1912 to 1917, when he had taken her picture so often.

"Ah, she made a wonderful picture," he said later, "I must have made a gross of pictures of her in those years. I photographed her when she was leading the Paterson silk strike with Bill Haywood in 1913, many times. I went out to the west coast during the lumber strikes for a newspaper and took her pictures there."

"It did me good to see her again."

FUND NOW \$30,000

Miss Flynn's office supplied the \$7,500 bail, on which Browder is free. The money was part of the sum—now totalling over \$30,000—which has been loaned by Party members and sympathizers to the Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists, which she and Robert Minor are heading.

"The rest of the \$100,000 must be raised quickly," she said. "The Palmer terror of 1919 and 1920

seems to be returning."

Three hours after she said this office got a hurry call. Robert W. Wiener, treasurer of the Communist Party, had been indicted on another passport charge.

Twenty thousand dollars bail was demanded by Assistant District Attorney, Lester G. Dunigan in an abusive speech against Wiener in Judge Hubert's court.

The \$20,000 asked, was four times the bail under which Stephen Paine, one of the biggest stock brokers in America, was held recently on a charge of participating in a \$1,250,000 fraud, for which he has just been convicted in Federal Court.

Judge Hubert reduced Wiener's bail to \$10,000, allowing \$2,000 bonds for his appearance as a Grand Jury witness, to be returned.

Wiener's trial was set for December 26, the day after Christmas.

The Defense Committee paid the \$10,000 and Wiener is free, but less than \$15,000 remain in the fund.



# War Preparation Menaces Housing; Construction Is Already Off 40 Per Cent

Construction Costs Are Rapidly Rising; Sharp Drop in '40 Seen

A decline in the construction of new housing because of war conditions is already apparent and federal expenditures for construction next year can be expected to be diverted to war and defense purposes at the expense of public housing, according to a survey conducted by the Labor Research Association.

The total volume of home construction this year is less than 40 per cent of the average for the years 1923-25. Construction in 1938 amounted to 246,000 units compared with the average of 722,000 units a year during the earlier years. The total for 1939 is not expected to surpass the 1938 figures, in spite of a constantly growing housing shortage on a national scale.

Price inflation due to the war is raising building costs to an extreme level and is directly responsible for the present decline in residential construction. The Labor Research Association points out that "any rise in building costs will prove a deterrent to construction, especially if the rise is more rapid than advances in rentals, other living costs or general commodity prices."

The direct influence of the war in the rising building costs is proven by the fact that there is no actual nor potential shortage of building materials.

Higher interest rates are also in prospect at the present time, and will further discourage new building.

With plans now being whipped up for unlimited spending for military and naval construction it is expected that public housing expenditures will be sharply curtailed. The United States Housing Authority will reach its peak of construction between January and March, 1940. After that its \$300 million program will be tapered off quickly.

Only about \$125,000,000 of this fund has been spent already, but considerably more is earmarked for projects now reaching the construction stage. With war pressure mounting steadily, it is not impossible that large portions of the USHA's unspent money may be diverted to war purposes.

One effect of the rise in prices and the decline in building may be the recovery of foreclosure losses suffered by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, the nation's biggest landlord. The HOLC gave little help to distressed home owners, but was a boon to bankers, relieving them of their frozen assets and converting them into government liabilities. The HOLC increased the burdens of home owners by its high interest rate, its short period of amortization and its strict policy on payments.

Total foreclosures by the HOLC have amounted to 151,291 and it still owns 63,330 foreclosed homes. The big artillery of the warring nations in Europe may not be pointed directly at the United States, but the American people are getting hit just the same. Among other things, the war spells an aggravated housing crisis for millions, added profits for a few.

## Perkins Urges Recognition of ACA Committee

Proposes Western Union Strike Settlement; Mayor Gets Protest

(Special to the Daily Worker) SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4. — Mayor Angelo Rossi was asked to take action against police brutality to the Western Union strikers here as Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins proposed a settlement of the dispute with recommendation that the company recognize the American Communications Association grievance committee.

Illegal measures used by the police against the strikers were protested in the letter to Rossi by the Citizens Committee on the Western Union strike.

Mass arrests, holding of strikers without charges and refusal of authorities to permit bail for arrested strikers and pickets were among the points of the protest to the Mayor.

The Committee for Academic and Civil Rights launched a protest with the Mayor on the same grounds.

The terms of settlement proposed by Secretary Perkins were:

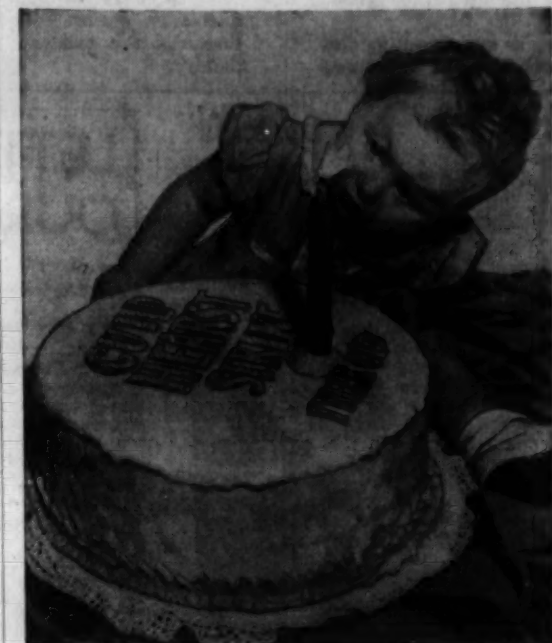
1. Western Union recognizes the grievance committee of the American Communications Association, the strikers' union, as representing the body of union members employed.

2. Immediate termination of the strike.

3. Strikers return to work at their former jobs without loss of seniority.

4. This to be a truce, which it is suggested will last until the legal aspects of the case are settled.

## Guild Strike 1 Year Old Today



Dessa Berg, oldest of the 14 children born to striking Newspaper Guild members during their one-year strike against the Hearst-Herald-American blows out the candle on the first strike anniversary birthday cake.

## Court Upholds Conviction of Judge Manton

Jury Verdict 'Unassailable,' It Says of Bartered Justice

The conviction of Martin T. Manton on charges of selling judicial decisions while he was senior judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals was upheld yesterday by a special Circuit Court of Appeals convened to consider the case.

The decision was delivered by former United States Supreme Court Justice Harlan P. Stone and Circuit Court Judge Robert Clark of Newark.

Sutherland concluded his review of the evidence by saying:

"We deem it unnecessary to comment further upon the evidence. It is enough to say that, if believed by the jury, as we may properly assume it was, it discloses a state of affairs to plainly at variance with the claim of Manton's innocence as to make the verdict of the jury unassailable."

Manton, 58, had served as senior judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals here for 12 years. At his trial last spring, the government charged he had systematically sold decisions of his court to the highest bidder. Nearly \$100,000 was thus traced directly to Manton's books.

A federal court jury found Manton guilty last June 3 and the white-haired jurist subsequently was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fined \$10,000.

His co-defendant, George M. Spector, was sentenced to one year and a day and to pay a \$5,000 fine. Manton's alleged "bag man," William J. Fallon, pleaded guilty.

Judge Clark was the only member of the Circuit Court of Appeals qualified to sit on Manton's appeal because he was the only one who had taken office after Manton's departure.

This court reserved decision on Manton's appeal last Oct. 27.

Manton must serve his sentence and pay his fine unless he is granted a review by the United States Supreme Court. This was considered improbable in view of the extraordinary review court which included one former and one active Supreme Court Justice.

## Poison Ring Defendant Rearrested in Phila.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4 (UP).—District Attorney Charles F. Kelley said today he would place Mrs. Rose Carina on trial again within a month for another death attributed to Philadelphia's arsenic murder for insurance syndicate.

Mrs. Carina was acquitted Saturday night of the death of Pietro Stea.

The district attorney said Mrs. Carina would not be released but would be tried early in January on charges of aiding in the alleged poison death of Pietro Perilli.

## Guild Scores Anti-Trust Act Drive on Labor

Condemns Arnold Move — Tells D. of J. Not to Become Anti-Labor

The International Executive Board of the American Newspaper Guild meeting here over the weekend, adopted a resolution sharply condemning the plans of the Department of Justice as announced by Assistant Attorney Thurman Arnold and confirmed by Attorney General Frank Murphy, to invoke the Sherman anti-trust act against labor unions.

The resolution particularly notes the "so-called compulsion to hire useless and unnecessary labor," mentioned by Arnold as grounds for prosecution, and reminds the Department of Justice that "such was a slogan invented by reactionary employers to mislead the public as to the purposes of trade union organization."

Warning that use of the Anti-Trust Act against labor gives the employers a weapon "to destroy legitimate trade unionism," the resolution resolved that "The American Newspaper Guild, through its International Executive Board calls upon the Department of Justice to desist from the course it has announced and, instead, make sole use of the act to prosecute trusts."

## HIT HEARST VIOLENCE

The resolution further calls upon the Department of Justice "to resist any use of itself as an anti-labor agency."

Plans for intensification of the organizing activities of the Guild, including the appointment of an additional organizer, and decision to hold a series of regional conferences, were made by the Executive Board at its two-day session at International headquarters at 14 Pearl St., New York.

The Board took cognizance of the widespread violence used against the Chicago Guild by the Hearst management in that city to fight the Guild strike, and called on all Guild members to continue the loyal support given throughout the strike, now a year old. To assure an unbroken supply of funds for the struggle, the Board voted to continue the 50-cent membership assessments at the rate of two a month, during December and January.

The time of the annual International Convention for 1940 was fixed for about the 17th of June.

## Indian Tribes In State Want Law Clarified

'Six Nations' Council Hears Theirs Is Not 'Vanishing Race'

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 4 (UP). Indians of New York "Six Nations" learned today that story of the "Vanishing American" is a myth so far as their numbers are concerned.

Delegates to the Six Nations Association "Pow-Wow" heard a report that the number of Mohawks, Senecas, Oneidas, Onondagas, Cayugas has doubled in the past 24 years. In 1795, the report said, New York's Indian population was 3,500, and today it is approximately 7,000.

But they called upon the white man to determine definitely just how much authority they have over their tribes.

"It is necessary that the exact legal status of our people be defined, whereby the precise field to be occupied by state legal authorities shall be stated and whereby the length of the protective arm of the (Federal) government may be known," a resolution said.

## 'Moral Embargo' Against Japan by FDR Regime Nets Tokio \$96,000,000 in U. S. War Materials

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terials which this country continues to supply to the Japanese imperialists in greatest quantity.

This flourishing war trade with Japan, unimpeded by decisive action from the State Department, is worth thinking about now in connection with the "moral embargo" which the President has declared against the Soviet Union.

The Administration waited less than a week to manufacture a pretext to act against the Soviet Union. The present Japanese invasion of China began in the summer of 1937—but the Administration did not declare its "moral embargo" until almost a year later in June, 1938.

The so-called embargo against Japan covered only finished airplanes and parts. In the case of the Soviet Union, the "moral embargo" also included "materials essential to airplane manufacture."

Since a wide variety of materials, including glass, steel, rubber and aluminum, are needed to make planes, the Administration has left the door wide open for an inclusive embargo against the U. S. S. R.

Moreover, many airplane manufacturers did not take too seriously the State Department's extremely limited "moral embargo" against Japan. Exports of planes to Japan dropped in 1939, but did not by any means stop completely.

Manufacturers seemed to consider it more "moral" to ship airplane parts to Japan than finished products. While only one finished plane was sent to Japan during the first eight months of 1939, parts and equipment totalling \$2,799,504 were exported to the Japanese invaders.

This compared total airplane exports amounting to \$7,462,850 for the same months in 1938 and \$893,122 in 1937.

But if exports of planes to Japan

## Last Real Son of 1776 Follows News of War

SOUTH WOODBURY, Vt., Dec. 4 (UP).—Still spry, and keenly interested in the current European war, the only living "real son" of the American Revolution celebrated his 92nd birthday today.

He is William Constant Wheeler, whose father fought under General George Washington in the war of independence more than a century and a half ago.

The father, Comfort Wheeler, was born at Rehoboth, Mass., March 13, 1766. He enlisted in

April 1780 at the age of 14, and served as orderly to General Nathaniel Greene. The son, William, was born of Comfort's third marriage, which took place when Comfort was nearly 80 years old.

were held to be in bad taste, not even our extremely "moral" State Department considered it immoral to ship gasoline without which the planes could not fly.

Petroleum and products were by far the largest single item during the 1939 period. Sales totalled \$29,254,507, or nearly one third of the total of American war shipments to Japan.

It was found by the Chinese Council for Economic Research that a rapidly growing item under this general category was gasoline and other petroleum motor fuel in containers. For the first eight months of 1937, this item was only \$42,141. It was \$1,882,004 for the same months of 1938. And for the corresponding period of 1939 reached a new high of \$3,221,074.

What is particularly significant about this item is the fact that more than 85 per cent of the fuel sent in containers was for aviation purposes.

## WAR PLANT MACHINERY

Scrap iron ranked second among American war exports. Shipments totalled \$19,290,297 as compared with \$14,535,550 in the 1939 period.

Because of the imperialist war in Europe, the United States is now the only major source of supply of scrap iron for Japan—as well as of many of the other major war materials shipped by this country.

Of tremendous importance to the Japanese war machine was the export of metal-working machinery from this country which totalled \$17,774,801 for the first eight months of 1939. Sales rose considerably over \$5,854,799 in 1937 and \$15,032,300 in 1938.

As a comparatively backward country in terms of industrial technique, Japan is still dependent to a large extent on foreign countries for this type of machinery. In 1938,

## Food Stamp Plan On New England Trial in Providence

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 4 (UP).—The federal government's food stamp plan came to Providence for a "try-out" today and the result of this test on 41,000 relief recipients will determine its adoption in other New England cities.

As in 11 other cities throughout the nation, orange stamps worth \$2 will be sold to each relief recipient each week. With each stamp, the purchaser receives two blue stamps worth 50 cents each.

Several tons of commodities were already on hand to meet the anticipated demand, according to director Robert N. Foote of the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation. Vegetables, fruit, flour and other staples were included.

## Amalgamated To Defer Pay Boost Demand

Action Must Wait on Time Specified in Pact, Says Hillman

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 4.—Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, yesterday announced following a three-day session of the union's wage scale committee at Hotel President, that a demand for wage increases was deferred until "such times as provided regularly in its contracts."

The scale committee and manufacturers spokesmen met here as a result of an announcement ten weeks ago by Hillman, that if a study in the rise in living costs warrants, a mid-season wage rise would be demanded for 125,000 workers in men's clothing manufacture.

Mr. Hillman proposed, however, that a joint union-employers committee be formed to study more thoroughly price trends and wages in the industry.

Mr. Hillman's statement said that only once before the union invoked the clause in its contracts permitting reconsideration of wage scales before the contracts expire regularly. That was during the inflationary period of 1918-20.

A factor that has undoubtedly influenced delay in the wage increase demand, is disappointment with the much heralded "war boom" in the industry.

## CIO Woolen Workers Call Mass Meetings

To Weigh Strike Action For Restoration of 12½% Wage Cut

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 4.—The Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, today issued a call for mass meetings of the workers of each of the American Woolen Co. mills scheduled for next Saturday at the respective cities to consider the next step in the fight for restoration of last year 12½ per cent wage cut.

The call for the mass meetings, at which strike action may be authorized, came as a second meeting between representatives of the union and American Woolens, at Parker House here, brought a rejection by the company of the wage increase demand.

Emil Rieve, general president of the TWU, headed a delegation of 40 union representatives of American Woolen Mills locals at Lawrence and Maynard, Mass.; Skowhegan, Me., and Dover, N. H. They spoke for the overwhelming majority of the company's 28,000 workers.

Next Wednesday, officials of all the union locals in the company's mills in the country will again meet in Parker House to complete plans for the mass meeting and recommendations to the membership.

Following Rieve's announcement, Joseph Salerno, vice-president of the TWU and Massachusetts director of the union, issued the call for the mass meetings over a radio.

"We cannot wait any longer. We must act now," he told the workers.

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 4.—Eleven hundred striking employees of the Fisk Rubber Corporation's textile plant here returned to work with a victory following an agreement with the company.

The workers struck two weeks ago when the firm refused to negotiate renewal of the pact with the Textile Workers Union of the CIO. The settlement "satisfactory to the management and the union," was announced last night by Antonio England, New Bedford director of the union.

The company agreed to the union's right to collect dues in the plant; vacations ranging from one to two weeks with pay and union bulletin boards in all departments. There was no dispute in wages.

## California WPA Rolls Slashed By 46,472

(Special to the Daily Worker) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—A slash of 46,472 in WPA rolls over the number employed on projects a year ago has brought the number of persons thrown on state and local relief to 42,780, according to figures released here.

On Nov. 17, 1938, there were 125,533 on the state's WPA projects while there were 47,650 of state relief. This year the WPA was cut to 79,061 while the state relief soared to 40,418.

trade with Japan has steadily increased from 53.66 in 1937 to 64.06 in 1938 and to 71.28 percent in 1939. More than two thirds of American exports to Japan are now war materials.

These supplies from the United States assume even greater importance now than in the past because the European markets of England, Germany and France are now almost inaccessible to Japan.

In short, the United States has not exactly scaled the heights of ethics and morality in connection with the Japanese invasion of China.

American war supplies were essential at all times to the success of the Japanese. Vigorous action by the Roosevelt Administration could easily have cut off these supplies. But that, apparently, would have interfered with some very profitable war trade.

## BEHIND THE STATISTICS

Ferro-alloys showed the sharpest increase of the whole list of essential war materials. The 1939 total of \$2,357,418 represented an almost 800 percent increase over the comparable eight months period in 1937.

The \$96,577,896 total of American war exports to Japan for the first eight months of 1939 would seem at first glance to represent a slight drop of \$19,367,100 from 1937.

This comparative decline is accounted for almost completely by the downward trend in the exports of semi-manufactured steel and iron other than scrap and of automobiles and parts.

And as Hu Tun-Yuan the economist who prepared the analysis of American war trade for the China council, points out, the drop in these two items is explained largely by the fact that Japanese industrialists have put the metal working machinery imported from this country to work and thus can now manufacture these materials themselves.

Even more significant is the fact that the importance of war exports in the total of American

## Steel Workers Quiz Bethlehem on Call To Meet for Parley

Golden Asks If Employer Means to Negotiate for Contract; Letter Asks Conference for Employees at Each of Its Plants

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 4.—Upon receipt from the Bethlehem Steel Corporation of an invitation for union committees to meet with the management at each of the company's plants, Clinton S. Golden, Regional Director of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, CIO, today replied with a letter asking the company to state specifically whether it is prepared to negotiate a contract.

Golden today made public a letter he had received from George W. Vary, industrial relations manager of the corporation, in which the union was informed of a procedure the company has operating in each plant for taking up matters affecting employer-employee relations.

Golden declared that the procedure provided in Vary's letter is unsatisfactory. The company had claimed even during the days when it flatly refused to meet union representatives, that it has a "grievance procedure," but it was the usual type of ineffective machinery that is in vogue in company-union situations.

Vary's letter was quite apparently an attempt to face the charge the union filed before the National Labor Relations Board that the company is evading the effort of the workers to bargain collectively.

A letter was sent by the union's locals in the respective Bethlehem plants asking for conferences. Those were ignored. A committee with representatives from each of the locals upon it, then, attempted to confer, after giving advance notice, with President Eugene Grace of the company at New York, only to be told that he "is out."

Negotiations for a new contract were begun last Oct. 19 in New York. The SWOC accused the company of "flatly rejecting" five major union demands and of "flagrantly violating" a contract signed by the company in 1937 and renewed on a day-to-day basis in 1938.

Recent negotiations have been between Clinton S. Golden, regional SWOC director, and Raoul Desvergne, Crucible president.

## Pennsy Train Brakes Fail; 15 Hurt in Jersey

8-Car Local Hits End Bumper at Exchange Pl.; 7 in Hospitals

JERSEY CITY, Dec. 4 (UP).—Fifteen persons were injured today when an eight-car Pennsylvania Railroad train from Trenton, N. J., crashed into a dead-end bumper at the Exchange Place terminal. Police said the train's brakes apparently had failed.

Those sent to hospitals were: Hawire Pilatsky, 64, of Linden, N. J., shoulder injury; Carl Heisch, 54, of Rahway, N. J., leg and knee injury; Max Gactick, 49, of Deans, N. J., left arm and elbow injured; James J. O'Neil, 63, of Rahway, fractured ribs; Alma Wernersage, 43, of Deans, suffering from shock and William Madigan, 35, Metuchen, N. J., shock and bruises.

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## An Editorial

## 'ASSAILING THE ORGANIZED TRADE UNION MOVEMENT ON BOTH FLANKS'

Attorney General Frank Murphy has spoken. He says that the drive of Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold to use the Sherman Anti-Trust Act against trade unions, has his complete approval.

There can no longer be any doubt about the matter. This latest and most diabolical attack upon the labor movement has the blessing of the Roosevelt Administration. Every Republican paper in the country is applauding vigorously with the Administration taking a bow. On this, as on other mat-

ters since the outbreak of the war, the breach between New Deal spokesmen and anti-New Dealers is closing up.

AFL and CIO have roundly condemned this union-busting drive. The whole theory that the anti-trust laws can be applied to unions, is one that organized labor has fought against for years. It is a deadly and iniquitous theory, threatening the right of workers to organize in free unions of their own choosing. Once accepted, there is no limit to the damage that could be done by it to the labor

movement. And now the Department of Justice takes it up and is ready to prosecute.

Henry Epstein, Solicitor General of the State of New York, in a letter to the Times of Nov. 26, declares of Arnold's drive:

"Sugar-coat it how you may, it remains a throwback to the Danbury Hatters, Duplex Printing cases. . . . It would seem that the government has now assailed the organized trade union movement on both flanks."

Arnold, for example, speaks of prosecuting "restraints designed to compel the hiring of useless and

unnecessary labor." This, Solicitor General Epstein points out, could be so interpreted as to bring about the prosecution of a union for striking against layoffs due to speed-up and mechanical improvements. Wall Street, the open-shoppers and both the Republican and Democratic parties, are apparently united in this assault on the labor movement, a wage-cutting and war program.

The entire labor movement should make common cause against a doctrine and practice which threatens the existence of every union in the country.

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## Hunger—Washington's Atrocity Against Americans

Mr. Hunger gets an even break from both the Democratic and Republican Party leaders.

In Ohio, a Republican Governor sits tight on \$6,000,000 of "surplus" funds while 16,000 American families in Cleveland sit in heatless, lightless apartments without any food in the house. In Toledo, children are crying in vain for food. Governor Bricker has knocked the bread out of their hands.

Col. Harrington, Roosevelt's WPA appointed chief, dooms hundreds of thousands to a similar fate all over the country by his refusal to ask Congress for larger relief appropriations.

In New York City, 3,000 American boys wait all night in the rain for a handful of jobs in the garbage collectors department, and are driven away by police.

These are the atrocities perpetrated upon America by Wall Street and the Washington government. They make less noise than bombs. But they are as deadly, though slower. Starvation is slowly murdering thousands of American men, women and children.

Where are the tears of the newspapers? Where are the tender souled liars of the press who are now shedding crocodile tears over faked Soviet bombings which they know are lies? American children are being strangled by hunger. Where is the lachrymose Dorothy Thompson?

The same Wall Street propagandists who have received instructions to whip themselves up into a lather about fake "atrocities" of the Soviet Union do not have a drop of sympathy for the real sufferings of the American people right here at home.

Asked by the Gallup Poll the other day as to what are the major issues today, the two issues which led the rest by far were keeping out of war (47 per cent) and solving unemployment (24 per cent). The shrieking headlines in the newspapers are intended to make America forget these two issues in a wave of chauvinism and war hysteria.

The refusal of the Roosevelt government to act against starvation and to provide jobs for America's unemployed army of 10,000,000 refugees from Wall Street is the real atrocity against which the people should raise their voices.

## Taking Orders from The Red-Baiters

The reactionary press is outdoing itself in a wild and violent campaign of red-baiting hysteria. Meanwhile, the Department of Justice and the FBI are trying their best to deliver the goods.

This revealing passage in the World-Telegram yesterday tells the story:

"State Department agents still are investigating the ramifications of alleged Communist ring for securing spurious passports. More indictments are imminent, it was learned."

As this newspaper has repeatedly warned, the Department of Justice, collaborating with Dies, is working feverishly behind the scenes to outlaw the Communist Party, WITHOUT RAISING ANY FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL ISSUE. They dare not go after the Party OPENLY on the issue of peace. Because they know that the Communists express the people's desire for peace and to keep this country out of the imperialist war. They dare not work in public view, because they know the American people are sensitive to any infringement of the Bill of Rights.

Instead the federal authorities hound

Communist leaders with trumped-up passport indictments, and now with an absurd lie about an alleged "Communist passport ring." They want to sacrifice Earl Browder—and the whole movement of the American people for peace—to the Wall Street gods of gold and war.

Since when, democratic Americans ask, do they have to be persecuted by a Department of Justice that takes un-American orders from the red-baiting newspapers?

## Lies That Menace YOUR Family

Did you ever buy a rattlesnake?

You will deny it with horror.

But every time you buy one of the capitalist newspapers you are holding something in your hand as deadly as a rattlesnake.

Never have these papers been lying more wantonly than these days on the Soviet Union and Finland.

Never has the Daily Worker been more precious as the fighting bearer of truth.

No so-called totalitarian fascist state would have anything to add to the nationwide organization which has resulted today in the astonishing situation where there is not a single American newspaper which does not echo the falsehoods of London and Wall Street concerning Finland. The same goes for the radio.

Have you won new readers for the Daily Worker? Are you carrying to your friends, neighbors, offices and shops? Challenge people to compare the Daily Worker's plain truth with the lies of the capitalist press. The Wall Street press lies about strikes—it calls the workers "mobs." It lies about unions. It lies about any and every movement of the working class to win a better life.

It is lying today as it has never lied before about the Soviet Union. Its lies are a menace to every American family which has a son old enough to go to war.

The Daily Worker is fighting for you and your family. It is fighting for peace against a mountain of war propaganda. Buy it. Get others to buy it. Carry it proudly and vigorously to your fellow-Americans. They need its incorruptible truth.

## Newbold Morris—Fellow-Traveler of 'Rubber-Hose' Harvey

Evidently Newbold Morris, president of the City Council, has forgotten what the people elected him for—or doesn't care. In any event, he's moving as far away from defending the public interests as the earth is from the sun.

Morris got into office on a platform of defending and extending the social interests of 7 million New Yorkers—and, above all, to fight against such subversive enemies of the Bill of Rights as Borough President (Rubber Hose) Harvey.

But instead of opposing Harvey's un-American incitements against civil liberties, Morris is becoming a party to them. Yesterday Harvey got off some of his more violent alien-baiting, proposing that all foreign-born Americans "be sent back where they came from," and urging that all progressive "American citizens be put into concentration camps." (This follows "Fuehrer" Harvey's fascist suggestion sometime ago of using a rubber hose against Communists, meaning militant trade unionists and liberals also.)

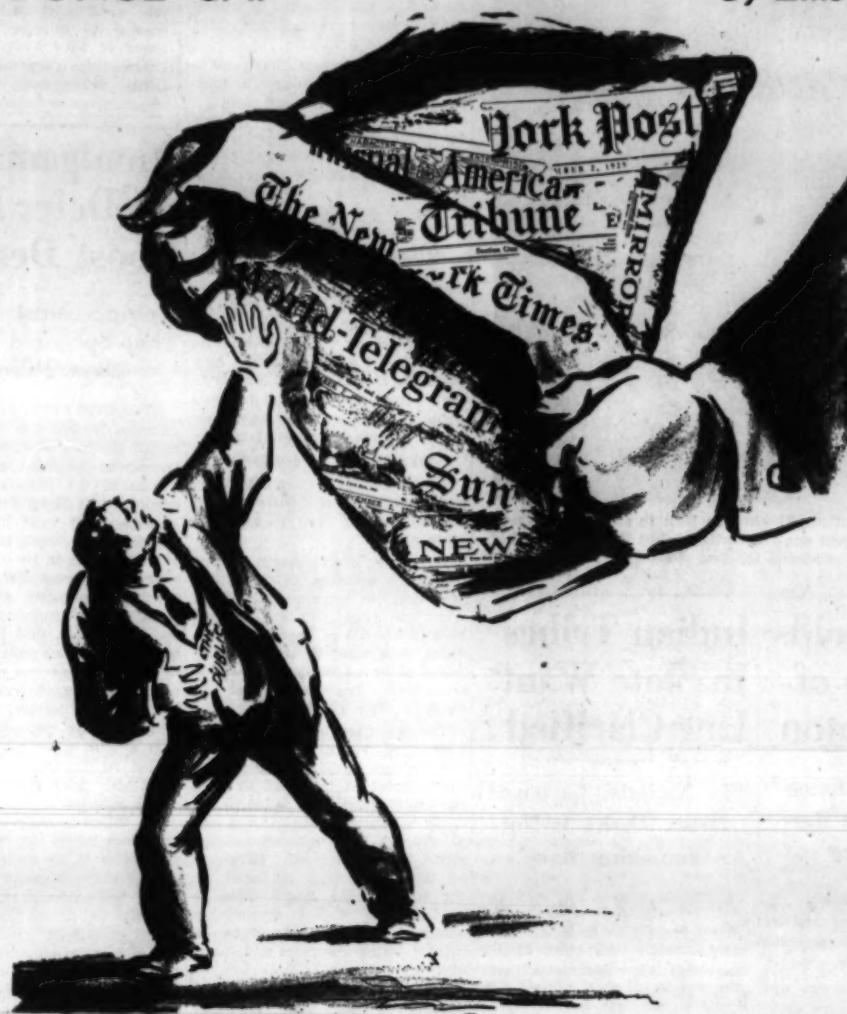
Meanwhile, Morris, making common cause with Harvey, yesterday let fly more war-inciting slanders against the Soviet Union during an incendiary speech designed to drag America into the imperialist war as a pawn of Chamberlain and Daladier—the second of his vile anti-Soviet attacks in as many days. In some sort of fantastic lying analogy, he accused the Soviet Union of trying to "knock the American way of life to pieces."

It's Morris—a la Harvey—who is seeking to "knock the American way of life to pieces." Just recently in the Board of Estimate he was the chief defender of the capital outlay budget which makes hash out of the social needs of the people. It was he who fronted for the red-baiters in attempting to palm this reactionary "economy" budget off as a social budget.

Thus does Morris' war-mongering and his fellow-travelling with Harvey go hand-in-hand with his attacks upon the progressive mandate of the people who elected him.

## DUNCE CAP

by Ellis



## RED BALTIC FLEET CARRIES TRADITION OF 1918 INTO BATTLE

By Vsevolod Vyshevsky

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)  
MOSCOW, Dec. 4.—The order to the Baltic Fleet declares: "We are going to Finland not as conquerors but as friends and liberators of the Finnish people from the yoke of the landlords and capitalists. Our actions are directed against the war provocateurs, against Kallio, Cajander, Erikko and the government which holds the Finnish people in oppression. Forward, for the security of Leningrad, the cradle of the proletarian revolution, for our native country. Forward, men of the Red Banner Baltic Fleet and vanquish the enemy completely."

The Baltic was enveloped in a heavy snowstorm on Nov. 30. But, despite the impossible weather conditions and the extremely low visibility, the Red Navy men boldly started out to perform these orders.

Kronstadt was in readiness. A heavy wind and the waves crushed the first ice against the granite embankment.

KRONSTADT READY

The men worked with dexterity at their guns, undisturbed by the complete blackout. Old Kronstadt knows how to fight. Women joined the first-aid units; workers are stepping up output in all factories and shops. Veteran seamen tell their younger mates about the battles against the White-Guard Finns in 1918-19, about the way the Baltic men helped the Finnish workers and farmers in the battle against the executioner Mannerheim, the former tsarist general and later British general.

Today the young and energetic Baltic fleet sails to perform its duty with the same enthusiastic spirit. In a raging storm naval fliers took to the air and bombed several Finnish airports. The heroic work of naval flier Captain Rakov is already known throughout the Baltic fleet.

A gunboat squadron commanded by Captain Lazo showed remarkable courage in attacking Finnish fortifications which opened fire on the civilian population on the Soviet coast.

2,000-YARD RANGE

Lazo's gunboats took up positions less than 2,000 yards from the fortifications and hurled such a rain of shells upon them that nothing remained of the Finnish-British fortifications of reinforced concrete.

A group of seamen, true to the

traditions of the shock columns of 1919 and vying with the Red Army units in bravery, plunged into the ice-cold water and advanced through heavy enemy machine gun fire. They captured Seiskari Island, where the Red Navy man Nicholas Stepanov hoisted the Red Flag.

Low-flying pursuit planes scattered enemy columns. The new cruiser Kirov successfully passed its first fighting test. Several of her guns are manned by Communists who participated in battles in 1919.

One of them, named Kharitonov, a Communist Party member since 1919, told me:

"I will operate my gun with the same deadly effect as 20 years ago, and my two sons, also Red Navy men, will give the enemy

an additional dose."

In these grim days, the best sailors of the Baltic Fleet are applying for Party membership. They write in their applications: "I am about to go into battle for the cause of Lenin and Stalin and request to be admitted into the ranks of the great Communist Party."

Nov. 30 was a rest day, but the workers of the naval arsenal came to the shops and demanded that they be allowed to work that day.

Many Stakhanovites have undertaken to work day and night until important and urgent work for the Navy is completed.

The Stalinist Navy will do everything required of it, and do it well, with determination and until victory.

## Ryti Knighted for Aid To the Bank of England

(Continued from Page 1)

finance minister of Britain's buffer state at a time when Finland's revenues were being diverted to military adventures on Soviet Karelian soil.

Risto, incidentally, was a student in London in 1914, the year the first World War began.

The Post, owned by Mr. Backer of the American Labor Party, becomes superlative in its praise of the British knight who directs the anti-Soviet forces from his bank vault in Helsinki. (His cabinet met there Saturday, says the United Press.) Explaining his knighthood, the Post says:

"The British crown confers such honors only on foreign royalty or on prominent individuals WHO HAVE EARNED THE GRATITUDE OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR BEING UNUSUALLY CO-OPERATIVE" (our emphasis).

"Ryti rated his title because as governor of the Bank of Finland he worked hand in hand with the Bank of England. He kept Finnish currency closely tied to the pound sterling."

"Born in 1889, Ryti practised law until 1919 and then became manager of an export company. The same year he was elected to the House of Representatives (the year when the Mannerheim butcheries of Finnish work-

ers were still going on.)

"In 1921 he was named Minister of Finance and was promptly dubbed the boy wonder of European treasuries. From 1923 to 1924 he headed the national bank as well, and then resigned from the Cabinet to devote his entire time to the bank, which he has headed ever since."

"Ryti visited the United States in 1925—just to make friends, he insisted."

He made them. The United Press refers to Ryti's Wall Street ties. In a dispatch, it describes him as an "international banker connected with leading banking circles in London and in Wall Street, friend of Montagu Norman, head of the Bank of England."

## Finland Admits Breaking Pact to Arm Aland Is.

HELSINKI, Dec. 4 (UP).—The Ryti government announced tonight that it has organized a strong defense of the strategic Aland Islands.

The announcement revealed that Finland secretly has been fortifying the islands, dominating the entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia between Sweden and Finland, despite the fact that a League of Nations ruling giving them to Finland insisted that they must remain unfortified.

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Not All The Lies Can Obscure Glorious Truth

Bronx, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Not all the lies in the world can obscure the glorious truth that the mighty Red Army is indeed an army of liberation. Not all the "feelings of indignation" or all the crocodile tears now being shed in the world can obscure the truth that the Soviet Union, bombing to smithereens the well-hatched plans of the Big Bankers' combine in Finland, has struck a lasting blow for peace.

Where were the pious utterances and ready action of Roosevelt when fascist bombers strafed Spain's innocent people, when Chamberlain's policy murdered Jews and Arabs in Palestine, when Italy destroyed Ethiopia and Albania, when the people of India cry out in pain under England's lash, when the Nazi beast was nourished by the non-intervention policy of the Chamberlains, when Munich forewarned peace for the world?

In these days, with the fury of reaction becoming more pronounced on the five continents of the world, the workers of America must rally closer, must struggle against continuation of the imperialist war, must lend all aid to the People's Government of Finland, must support the U. S. S. R., the fortress of peace, freedom and Socialism.

## An Opportunity To Break Through Capitalist Distortions

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I should like to call to the attention of all Daily Worker readers a radio program called "Northwestern University Forum of the Air," broadcast over Station WOR at 11:15 on Sundays.

Last Sunday the topic for discussion was British propaganda in the United States in relation to the Second World War. Although the discussion was more or less superficial, inasmuch as it did not enter into the causes of war, it brought home to the listening audience the fact that there is well-organized British propaganda in this country, working to involve us in the war, and reminded them of the deluge of false propaganda unleashed upon us which helped draw us into the First World War.

The participants spent a few moments on the USSR-Finnish situation. Although the speakers were not altogether without prejudice, the tone was free from the anti-Soviet hysteria found in 90 per cent of the current radio "forums."

Next week, the entire discussion will be given to the Soviet-Finnish situation. The listening audience was asked to send in their opinions, being asked specifically, "Is the USSR justified in taking military measures against Finland?"

This is an opportunity to demonstrate to a wide listening audience that the people see through the capitalist headlines. Letters should pour in to the "Northwestern University Forum of the Air," Evanston, Illinois.

## Herbert Hoover—Representative of Wall Street

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the historic years of 1932-33, veterans from every part of the United States, marched on Washington for their bonus.

They camped on Anacostia Flats. Herbert Hoover, the great humanitarian that he was supposed to be, called out the United States Army. Everybody knows what happened after that bloody warfare against ex-soldiers.

Today, Hoover denounces the Soviet Union as being "inhuman and barbaric" because it takes action against the provocations of the White-Guard servants of imperialism. Why did he not denounce Germany and Italy in 1937 when they crushed democracy in Spain?

Herbert Hoover represents Wall Street—we know it!

S. G.

'Good Luck'—

Meridan, Conn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

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Editor, Daily Worker:

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A FRIEND.

## Questions and Answers On the War Situation

The Daily Worker will present a new feature by William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party, this week with the beginning of a column of "Questions and Answers on the War Situation." Watch for the first of these authoritative, concise and illuminating replies to readers' questions. Readers are invited to write in their

questions on the European war situation for reply by the National Chairman of the Communist Party.





## CHANGE THE WORLD

Finds It Hard to Keep  
Up With Improvements  
In Locomotion . . .

By MIKE GOLD

SOMETIMES I get a little homesick for those distant days when I was young and kind of trusting and prone to believe guys like Dr. William Wirt, the eminent Tory educator, who charged that Tommy Corcoran of the Brain Trust had whispered at a secret meeting that Roosevelt was the Kerensky of the American Revolution and Dr. Wirt said this "brain tumor takes its orders from Stalin" and should be removed. That was, if I remember, as far back as 1937, the year that General Grant wrote his memoirs and Walter Lippmann was our most promising young Socialist intellectual.

Things change too almighty fast. I just can't keep up any longer with improvements in locomotion, for example. People are beginning to discard the horse and buggy and to travel in these smelly, noisy, dangerous contraptions known as the "horseless carriage." I'd rather walk than be caught asphyxiated in one of them. Another thing I notice is that Art Young keeps getting friskier and sassier all the time. He has just written another book full of that adolescent humor I noted in him in 1932 while the bullets were flying at Gettysburg, and he said, "Mike, did I ever tell you about my cure for your rear exposure on the capitalist system? I thought it trivial then, and I think it flummery now, but the old trifier was evidently a hopeless case, for he has never stopped repeating that poor old wheeze in a thousand forms and on every sort of battlefield and if he don't look out he will be picked up by the Gerry Society and shipped back to where he came from as a Soviet foreign agent who pretends to have been born in Iowa, but has always travelled on a false passport, and has had all his drawings, since the Civil War, personally dictated from Moscow. No, I would like to warn all reckless young folks like Art Young that if they will persist in spending sixty years in mocking at Wall Street they are sure to come to a bad end.

Look at these improvements, so-called, they are making in women's dresses. In my time, if a lady revealed her ankles, she was only doing so maliciously to arouse the basest passions of a man, and was strictly no lady. But every year the skirts have been climbing up, and you can see their knees now, and it don't arouse anybody's passions, and what I say is that either men are vegetarians or ladies have lost their charm. Tom Jefferson warned me of this one night over a noggin of mulled sherry when he passed through Philadelphia on a campaign tour, (but I forget the year; he was always agitating, good old Tom). "Mike," he said, "they'll lift a little here and a little there, and before you know it, they'll get democracy down to her chemise, and then what'll she look like, a Princess Kate of Woolworth? I won't like that," he said, as he suddenly snapped me with his Leticia, (yes, poor Tom had been bitten by it, too).

I tried to console him as best I could, because I trusted that Franklin D. Roosevelt would see us through, even though at the time the insolent Cubans were refusing to grant us a naval base at Guantanamo Bay, saying that the territory belonged to them, and they could not be bothered about the rights of large nations. Well, I did not know that Mr. Roosevelt would refuse to sell arms to the Spanish Loyalists, or even utter a protest against the two-year bombing of hundreds of thousands of Spanish women and children by the fascists, but when he recognized that little chamber-pot Franco in such a hurry and lent him millions of dollars I got the feeling that maybe Tom was right, and that we should have not put our marines up to take a hunk of Cuba, and that if Finland was such a grand country to have paid back some of the money we loaned their Baron Mannerheim to kill workers with, what did this make out of France and England, who had refused to pay their debts, and goodness gracious, what large debts?

In other words, I do not believe we are making much progress toward that New Deal. I don't want to be considered a skeptic, but it looks to me from now on like we are going to feed the American people cannons instead of butter. Which is why I get homesick for the old bicycle days when Jim Jeffries was fighting for the honor of the white race, and Art Young and Gene Debs were foreign agents of Moscow Socialism, and Eugene Field was the naughtiest girl in town, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, that Bolshevick, was making his wild-eyed speeches about his famous "one-third of a nation."

## Deems Taylor 'Information Please' Guest, WJZ, 8:30

Deems Taylor and Henry Fringie, this week's guests on "Information Please," over WJZ at 8:30 tonight. . . . Tito Scipa, Metropolitan Tenor, in Concert at 8 o'clock over WOR.

## BROADCAST BAND DAILY PROGRAMS

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## 60 Million Go to the Theatre

More Than Forty  
Languages Spoken  
On Soviet Stage

By I. Moskvina

Seven hundred and ninety theaters . . . Imagine for a moment that you are looking at a large map of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. What a forest of red it would make if a flag marked every spot where there is a theater. How it would blaze with light if they were represented by 700 electric bulbs. . . . Look at the extreme right of the map. The flag you see there marks a theater in the city of Vladivostok, one of the farthest east in the Soviet Union. When the theaters are pouring through the exits of this theater, the first bell is only just warning the public to take their seats in the theater at Sverdlovsk (in the Urals), while at Minsk (right on the western frontier of the U.S.S.R.) the afternoon rehearsal has only just ended and the stage hands are setting the scenery for the first act.

Now look higher still to be Arctic circle and beyond it. This flag marks the theater at Igarka, the most northerly sanctuary of Melpomene not only in our country but perhaps in the whole world. When people here go to the theater they carefully wrap themselves up in bearskins, while in the south, say to the recently-opened Kord theater, the first to give performances in the Kord language, people go in the coolest of light summer costumes.

Every evening, as soon as the sun sinks behind the horizon, hundreds of thousands of people fill our theaters. Hundreds of thousands literally, not hyperbolically. In 1937 our theaters were visited by over 60,000,000 people and in 1938 this figure was undoubtedly exceeded.

Variety of Moods

It would be interesting to have a day's stock-taking of the theatrical performances given throughout the country on any ordinary date. We would have a list of great length showing us the theater in all its variety of moods, from the philosophical soliloquy of "Hamlet," the passionate songs of "Carmen," and the rollicking choruses of Offenbach's operettas to the measured dialogue of Russian merchants in the classics of Ostrovsky and the fiery eloquence of the partisan Verkhovshin in "Armored Train" by Verslovi Ivanov, a contemporary Soviet writer.

Now look higher still to the associated strictly to the Russian language or even the eleven languages of our eleven Union Republics. More than forty languages are spoken on the Soviet stage. The fact that it is multi-national is one of the outstanding characteristics of the Soviet theater.

There was a time when we compared our progress and our achievements with the statistics for 1913

and complimented ourselves that our country had recovered from two long wars, and was reaching the pre-war level and exceeding it. Now there is no point in such comparisons—and not only because the Soviet Union has long ago left 1913 behind but because there is often nothing to compare with. Indeed, how can we state in percentages the growth of the Soviet aircraft industry or, say, the automobile industry in comparison with pre-war Russia had not a single home-produced automobile in 1913?

This is the case not only with industry but with many branches of culture—particularly the development of theaters among the non-Russian nationalities.

## Growth of National Theaters

At the present time there are twenty-four theaters in the Armenian Republic, twenty-one in the Tajik Republic, fifteen in the Kirghiz Republic and nine in the Turkmen Republic. How can we express the increase in percentages if in 1913 there was not a single theater on the present territory of any of these four national republics? Percentages are generally used to express comparisons in the terms of figures. But would it not be simpler and simpler to say that in 1913 on the territory of the present Georgian Republic there were three theaters, while in 1938 there were 24, than if I tried to express the ratio between these figures in the language of percentages—1,300 per cent! In the Byelorussian Republic in 1938, there were 15 theaters (in 1913—2).

## Artists Discuss Problems At Unique Forum Thursday

Speak for yourself, Bill! That will be the keynote, when William Gropper, scarred veteran of many an art war, gets up on his feet and faces the audience at Labor Stage, this coming Thursday evening, December 7th.

Philip Evergood and Harry Gottlieb, too, all three of them staunch battlers for art and cultural freedom, will speak for themselves too, to start off the lecture series and discussion on contemporary art, sponsored by the United American Artists, CIO, and in which fifteen outstanding American artists—practicing artists, all, will participate.

## Talks Cover Many Fields

Evergood, Gottlieb and Gropper, for instance, are going to lead the discussion on "Social Realism," whose various phases in painting they are the exponents of. Others will speak, in the other four lectures on "American Romanticism," "Surrealism," and "Expressionism," "Abstract Art in America" and on "Contemporary Sculpture."

Writing to the United American Artists, Max Weber, one of the best known artists in the country, says, "I agree with you most emphatically," he writes, "that it is absolutely essential and urgent particularly at this time, to create harmony and understanding between the several existing 'Schools.' Reaction thrives on just such division and diversion, and unwittingly the artist like all workers—being more or less unconscious victims of the competitive 'philosophy' of our environment—play right into the hands of those who are ready to divide and destroy them."

"Art is art. There is modernity in every phase, as there is talent and even genius. So why this war between artists?" An exciting part of the lectures, will be the discussion from the floor, made possible by the small seating capacity of Labor Stage, 39th St. near Sixth Ave., where the lectures will be held at three week

Above, visiting Caucasian company from Tbilisi, Georgia, at Bolshoi Theatre, Moscow. At left, Ivan Moskvina, noted Soviet actor, who begins the first of a series of three articles on theatre of USSR today. Moskvina, who first began his stage career under Stanislavsky of the Moscow Art Theatre more than 40 years ago, holds the Order of Lenin and is a deputy to the Supreme Soviet.

in the Azerbaijan Republic—18 (in 1913—2), in the Kazakh Republic—34 (in 1913—2), in the Ukrainian Republic—100 (in 1913—35), and so with our other republics.

Anyone wishing to see proof of the remarkable variety and high standard of the theatrical art of the peoples of the U.S.S.R. has only to see the festivals of national art held yearly in Moscow. This has become a fine tradition: Every spring Moscow is visited by the actors, singers, musicians, dancers of some national republic who introduce the capital to their remarkable art. We have already had festivals of the Georgian, Ukrainian, Kazakh, Uzbek, and Azerbaijan theaters. Those who attended these festivals came away with indelible impressions of the soulful Ukrainian songs, the temperamental Georgian dances, the amazing Azerbaijanian melodies the inimitable pagentry of the Uzbek theater and the excellence of the Kazakh performances.

Brought Within Reach of All

The theatre in the Soviet Union has been brought within the reach of the broadest masses. Sections of the population who formerly had no opportunity of going to the theatre are becoming enthusiastic theatre-goers. Much of this is due to the large number of collective farm and state-farm theatres performing in rural districts. The first of them originated some five years ago and now their number is nearing three hundred. More than ten thousand actors are playing in

these small theaters. In summer and winter, in heat and frost, by train and steam boat, by horse and do-team, they tour the country, going from village to village, from collective farm to collective farm. To the collective farmer the actor has become a member of the rural intelligentsia as the teacher, the doctor and the agronomist. These touring theaters have an extremely varied repertoire of modern and classical plays. In one of the Kirghiz touring theaters, for example, performances have been given of Lope de Vega's "Fuente Ovejuna," and "La Locandiera" by Goldoni. An Uzbek touring theater has given performances of Gorky's "Vassa Zheleznova," Molere's "Medecin malgré lui," and Gogol's "Wedding."

The first theater exclusively for children was opened in Moscow on Nov. 7, 1918, on the occasion of the first anniversary of the Revolution. Now there are 131 children's theaters in our country, about half of them puppet theaters. Children's theaters play a great part in the education of the rising generation.

There is hardly a town or hamlet in our country where you will not see a playbill of some kind. There is no corner of our country, however remote, left unvisited by our provincial theatrical companies.

Last year a survey was made of the repertoire of 53 provincial theaters. The results were extremely interesting. These theaters are performing 72 productions of Ostrovsky, 50 of Gorky, 34 of Shakespeare (Othello alone is being performed at 13 theaters), 17 of Lope de Vega, and 15 of Schiller, to mention only a few authors.

Great changes are taking place on the provincial stage. In the past actors used to join a different company every season. These perpetual transfers prevented the development of good companies working in unity, that ensemble without which, according to Bellamy, the great Russian critic, "there can be no scenic art but only an assemblage of it, at best." Favorable conditions have now been created for the formation of permanent theatrical companies in the provinces and the wholesome effects have not been long in showing themselves and will undoubtedly be even more strongly felt in the near future. These theaters are not only growing in numbers but are steadily perfecting themselves artistically.

Tomorrow Ivan Moskvina will discuss "Socialist Realism," the amazing growth of workers' clubs and the development of amateur dramatic groups—Editor's note.

## Young Autobiography Art Event of the Week

The outstanding art event last week was the appearance of Art Young's autobiography, Art Young: His Life and Times. If proof were needed to convince any skeptic about the narrow-mindedness of some of our art critics—and how viciously powerful the small clique of art monopolists are here—this book by Art Young should furnish irrefutable evidence.

Art Young's cartoons were exhibited in New York last season. The work shown was extraordinary. It was vital, timely and both historic and prophetic at the same time. Our art critics, however, treated it as though it were one more exhibition on the weekly art calendar.

The New York Times art editor, for instance, was not sufficiently interested to come to see the show. Recently this critic wrote a book entitled, *Is There an American Art?* If any analogy is necessary, one need only think of a literary critic publishing a book, *Is There an American Literature?* without knowing anything of—or at least neglecting to mention—Walt Whitman. The same critic is now singing the praises of an artist because he portrayed "America in peace and freedom"—without sharecroppers or relief stations. Incidentally the artist whom the art editor is praising so highly is strongly influenced by a social artist whose prestige the art critic has been trying to undermine since the rise of the reactionary wave.

It is pleasing to report that the book reviewers are giving serious attention to the Art Young book.

The United American Artists, which is the leading artists' organization in the fight to weaken the grip a small group has on art in this country, is arranging a series of five forums on contemporary American art. The first one will be held on Thursday evening at the Labor Stage, 39th St. and 6th Ave. Philip Evergood, Harry Gottlieb and William Gropper will speak on "Social Realism." Miss Elizabeth McCausland, art critic of the Springfield Republican, will introduce the subject and act as chairman.

Openings this week included the American Artists' Congress \$50 show. More than 130 artists have contributed to this exhibition. It is being held at the A. C. A. 32 W. 8th St. for the benefit of the organization. Other exhibitions are drawings of Chagallian poetry by David Segal at the Brooklyn Museum, work by Thomas Handforth at the Hudson Walker, a Christmas show at the Contemporary Arts, Young American Artists at the American Artists' School, 131 W. 14th St., an exhibition that should prove of unusual interest to those who are interested in the trends of contemporary art as it is reflected in the work of the young artists, paintings by Chid Haman at the Schneider-Gabriel Gallery, watercolors by Grant Gordon at the Grand Central Galleries, a Christmas show at the Downtown Gallery, modern French painters at the Perle Gallery, oils and woodcuts by Jacob Steinhardt at the Society for Advancement of Judaism and a memorial exhibition of paintings by Allen Tucker at the Whitney Museum of American Art.

The Springfield Artists' Union will hold its group exhibition at the Springfield Museum of Fine Arts. . . . Robert Mitchell, well known in Western Hemisphere

Press Night! Party Saturday

Martin McCall, music critic of the Daily Worker, will be one of the invited guests at the "Press Night" party to be held next Saturday evening, Dec. 9, at Bill Matons Studio, 127 Columbus Ave. (68th St. and Broadway). A unique program of entertainment is promised, including variety dancing, skits and music.

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## BALLERINA



Maria Gamberelli, premier ballerina of the Metropolitan Opera, who is on the impressive program of "Stars for Spain" next Sunday evening at Mecca Temple held under the auspices of Spanish Refugee Relief Campaign for the benefit of Dorothy Parker's Spanish Children's Fund.

## IN 'THE WORLD WE MAKE'



Margie and Rudolph Forster in Sidney Kingsley's play, "The World We Make" at the Guild Theatre. The play is based on Milton Brand's novel, "The Outward Room."



# On The Score Board

Information on Texas A. and M.

By Lester Rodney

This letter from a graduate of Texas A & M (Agricultural and Mechanical) College comes close to being the most interesting and informative sports department of the Daily Worker has ever received. We pass it on to you with a salute to the writer and the unbeaten Texas Aggie football team.

Dear Lester Rodney:  
I am one of Stan Kurman's spies covering the Southwest (Agent X-17-76 Shift) and wish to report a few facts concerning this year's sensational Texas Aggies.

I notice you had them on top of your list for the last few weeks. That is an honor they deserve—and for more than one reason. Because Texas A & M is not one of those snooty, high-toned schools, where parasitic sons and daughters of wealthy parents go to waste four to six years of their lives to acquire a coating of so-called culture in order to hide their essential callousness and ignorance. Texas A & M is a poor boys' school.

Tuition and maintenance expenses are very low; in fact I believe residents of Texas still pay no tuition; no big cities near College Station; no fast living social cliques of giggling co-eds and rah-rah boys. These facts tend to bring to Texas A & M only those boys who either live on the slum side of the railroad track or are serious enough to forego all the unnecessary and stultifying activities that bourgeois society considers so much a part of college education today.

Texas A & M students come from the farms and ranches of the Western part, and cotton fields of the North and East, the oil towns and the ports of the Gulf region, the rice plantations and saw mill towns of the river bottoms. Big, clean, healthy boys who ask for nothing but a chance to study and to contribute their share to the wealth and culture of our country.

About one-third of the student body takes advantage of the Student's Loan Fund and works it way through college. One can see hundreds of these boys in their aprons and overalls rushing to their daily tasks in the big mess hall, in the agricultural experiment station, in the barns and pens of the live stock breeding departments, in the offices and laboratories of the school. From early in the morning before "reville" until "taps" is sounded, 11 at night, these boys are on their toes to earn their education as well as their daily bread. But all this doesn't mean that they are a bunch of ascetics and that they don't also like to play and have fun. That they like to play is shown by the fact that this year—and in the past two—they produced one of the country's finest football teams.

Some twenty miles south of College Station is Prairie View State Normal, the Negro college. Here too, hundreds of boys and girls are working hard to get an education. But a cruel and reactionary ruling class denies to them the same privileges and opportunities enjoyed by their white brothers at Texas A & M. Many potential Jackie Robinsons and Kenny Washingtons at Prairie View are never heard about simply because the doors of the "white" colleges and universities are closed to them.

I am proud to report that in spite of the efforts of Mr. Dies' bosses and the Ku Klux Klan to create a barrier between them, there has always existed a fine spirit of friendship and mutual respect between the A & M and Prairie View students. In fact one of the most delightful and looked forward to events when I was a student was the annual visit of the Prairie View Glee Club to College Station. How those boys and girls from Glee View could sing! Glee View hall was always packed for this occasion. Some day we shall have no more Jim Crow laws in education. Then the rugged A & M boys will be strengthened by the hard playing, feet footed, bright eyed boys from Prairie View. What a wonderful team that will be! What a happy day!

EX-TEXAS AGGIE

And what a letter. Thanks a lot pal. And by the way, the most devastating football player in the Polo Grounds Sunday was a Mr. Dick Todd of the Washington Redskins, Texas Aggie '38.

## PERSONAL—BUT NOT PRIVATE

By Dave Farrell

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—Between the halves of the Washington-S.C. game Howard Jones burned the boys' scrap books with all their superlative epithets. Between the third and fourth quarters he smeared their pussies—collectively of course, with the embers. And then—and only then did his charges go out and win a ball game from a Husky team that deserves nine leaves.

The score as you all know was 9-7. The game was a thriller. In fact it was much too tough to sit through. I was in turn wilted—hysterical—depressed—jubilant—and at last triumphant. The game killed me. I don't want no more of them games where we have to sneak in from behind the Cossaks to win. I have a theory about sports. I believe a good football team should beat a mediocre one. I believe a great team should beat a poor one. I don't want to have to take the beating I got (forget what Harry Smith and the rest of the Trojans took before they smuck home with the victory) to be able to write glowing pieces.

In all fairness to everybody here's what happened. Southern California was charged for last week's game against Notre Dame. They expect to be equally hot next week against UCLA. But the yulet down against Washington on Saturday. In the middle they found a Husky team that was playing for Jimmy Phelan's job and two footballers who were dynamite. One bird was a lad called Rudy Mucha—a converted backfielder who is in my book only an eighth of an inch behind the great Schiechi of Santa Clara as a center. And with him was a halfback named McAddams who punted for an average of better than 50 yards a try with one bad kick included.

The game itself was something like this: SC walked onto the field with a reputation of being the greatest team in the country. The boys believed their own notices. A kid named McAddams wasn't one bit impressed. He kicked, quick-kicked, tossed and ran the ball so frequently that at the end of the half the score was 7-0. Granny Lansdell, so

not against the Irish last week, looked like a chappie named Elmer Gasparillo—or his cousin. Mr. Schindler who replaced him was another hot mokeskin man who could rip off from five to seven a try between his own 20 and 40-yard markers. For the rest it was all on the delicatessen counters. Then came Mr. Howard Harding Jones' speech and antics of arson in the clubhouse. But the boys couldn't or wouldn't get going for him. That they couldn't, blame on this same Mr. McAddams who booted like I have never seen before on a gridiron. Doyle Nave went in in the middle of stanza number three. And when he started going—so did the Trojans. Nave made one toss that was good for 27. He made a couple more that should have been caught. And I'm a guy who doesn't toss his shoulders around carelessly. When the boys wouldn't or couldn't hang on to strikes he started running with the ball. And did fine. By this time the game was within five or so minutes of coming to a close. But during his tenure of office he heaved a long one which was intercepted in the end zone (a mistake perhaps) but which Steele who ran back slipped and fell to one knee on the stripe. The referee gave SC a safety of two points. Later USC got to the 16 with exactly 1 minute 40 seconds to play. One play went sour and then Schindler pitched a pip to Stonebreaker for the touchdown after which Caspar kicked goal.

That was the ball game—the hard way. But this must be said. When the game wound up SC had 12 first downs to Washington's 3. If it was an off game Troy showed — then maybe it ought to be overlooked. But if Harry Smith was as badly hurt as he seemed, then give the Bruin a mighty good chance to win next Saturday. Because lads, take it from me his presence was felt.

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## Flores Favored In Coliseum Bout Tonight

Good Prelims at Uptown Feature Chester Rico

Primo Flores, slugging Puerto Rican lightweight, is favored to make it three straight kayoes when he faces rugged Frankie Terranova in the feature eight at the Coliseum tonight. Tiny Terranova is rugged and a difficult target because of his size but Flores figures to come through.

Selim-final six brings together unbeaten Joey Iannotti, sensational kid feather, with Johnny Cockfield, clever Negro boxer. Johnny, winner by kayo in thirteen of fifteen bouts, is in for trouble. Cockfield was one of the two Iannotti rivals to go the limit.

Three other sixes and a four on the prelim card, topped by Chester Rico, winner in nineteen of twenty pro fights, vs. Joe Memoli in one of the sixers.

All local talent at the Broadway Arena tonight. Bernie Friedman of Brownsville fights Nickey Jerome of Williamsburgh and Lenny (Boom Boom) Mancini of Brownsville takes on Johnny Rinaldi of the Bronx in the twin eight-round features. Simon Chavez, crack South American feather, will watch the show.

PICKS ARE: JEROME AND MANCINI

Rockland Palace comes up with another good card Saturday night headed by George Crutch, coast lightweight who made an impressive N. Y. debut by whipping Mike Martinez in a six on the Pete Sealo-Allice Stolz card at the Garden Friday night, against Vinnie Keed, the Jersey champ. In the top eight Joe Basora, smashing Puerto Rican middleweight, faces Larry (Joe Palooka) Kellum in the semi-final eight.

Chatting a few nights ago with Jess Harrington, trainer who developed Mike Beloise into the great boxing star that he is... Jess is training Henry Cooper now... thinks he can bring along the Brooklyn heavy to a challenging spot... Henry has already shown marked improvement... is overcoming that raw awkwardness... Last fight with Gunnar Barlund was his best yet, although a losing effort...

## Two New Giants Look Good in Int'l Averages

The New York Giants will take South for trial this spring two of the International League's hardest hitting players, official statistics showed yesterday.

Johnny Dickshot, former Pittsburgh Pirate outfielder, won the batting championship with an average of .355 in 153 games and batted out the most triples, 18. Nick Witke, Newark Bears' infielder, was the only player to take part in all his club's 156 games. He led on hits with 204 and on one-baggers with 153. Both finished out the last few weeks of the 1939 season with the Giants.

## WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and Sunday Worker are 35¢ per line (6 words to a line—5 lines minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 11 Noon. For Sunday, 5 P.M. Friday.

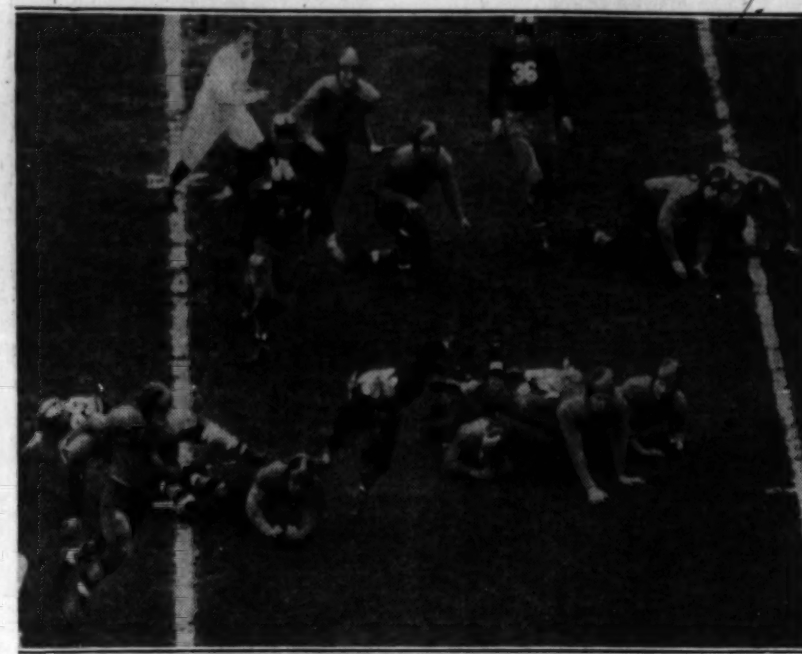
## Coming

AUTHOR'S DAY—Edwin Rolfe—Famed soldier-writer, will discuss his experiences—his book "The Lincoln Battalion," Thursday, Dec. 7, 8:30 P.M. Workers Bookshop, 59 E. 13th St., NYC.

ROY WILKINS, Assistant Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, speaks on "Races and Policies of the NAACP," largest single Negro Organization in the United States. Friday, Dec. 8, 8 P.M. Room 206, Workers School, 35 East 12th St., NYC. Admission 25¢.

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## Big Help in Sinking The Army



Here's Cliff Lens of Navy going around end for a Navy first down on the Army 20 yard line. A would-be blocker comes up fast between fallen Navy blockers. Right after this Navy booted a field goal to take the lead. They won 10-0.

## Furriers, TWU, Office Workers Win Thrillers in Topsy Turvy Night

### Unbeaten Furriers Just Hang On to Edge Wholesalers

By Sam Blender

The Labor Sports Center was no place for weak hearts or nail biters last Saturday night when Labor Basketball once again came through with a triple header that had the 300 fans who braved the rain in a frenzy with excitement most of the evening.

Most of the thrills were supplied in the last game when the Furriers Joint Council came from behind in the third period and nosed out the United Wholesale score in one of the most grueling contests ever seen on any court. Earlier, the Office and Professional Workers swarmed over the Building Service Five to the tune of 29 to 17, and in the third game of the evening, the Transport Workers who were behind in the first quarter knotted the game at the half and then went on to beat the Cleaners and Dyers in another thrilling game by a 24 to 19 score.

Feuer was the hero of the Furriers-Warehousemen game. In the third quarter with the score 8 to 7 against his Furriers, Feuer counted with two field goals and two fouls and his 6 points put his team

### LABOR COURT STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Furriers	2	0	1.000
Transport	2	0	1.000
Cleaners	1	1	.500
Warehousemen	0	2	.000

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
Fur Floor Boys	1	0	1.000
Fur-Leather W.U.	1	0	1.000
Cook-Patry Cooks	0	1	.000

ahead for the first time. Then came the spine-tingling last period.

The score was 13 to 12 at this point. The Furriers were in the lead. The ball was put into play. Man to man was the game. It was dribble and pass, dribble and pass, but all in mid-court. The defense was so tight and perfect neither team could get in close for a set shot. The minutes were slipping by—five, six and finally nine minutes had gone and still no change in the score. The tension was tremendous. Even the players were beginning to wither under the strain. Then Feuer cut through his guard and sank a nice set shot, 15-12. Thirty seconds left. Klein was fouled and he sank his free loss 15-13. Another foul was called and when Feuer came up to shoot it was all over, even if he missed only four seconds were left, no time for another score. But Feuer didn't miss, 16-13.

### TWO UPSETS CLEANERS

The absence of Haul Washington, star Negro forward, from the line up made a big difference to the Cleaners and Dyers and they went down to defeat at the hands of the Transport Worker's by a 24 to 19 score. In this game too there were many thrilling moments as the lead saw-sawed back and forth with the outcome ever in doubt. Then in the final period, Bayerle, Welser and Turnock between them scored 7 points to sew up the game that had been tied up on four occasions, beginning at the half and all through the third.

It was the illness of Washington that made the difference. Without him to set up the plays and feed the ball, the Cleaners

### Transport Workers Crash Win Column, Upsetting Cleaners

couldn't do much. Geo. Stewart, their 6 foot 3 center partially made up for Washington with 12 points to take scoring honors, while for the Transport Workers, Bill Bayerle came up with 8 points. Jim Lofthouse a newcomer to Transport teams had a good night with 5 points on the offense and a mighty good defensive game too.

### OFFICE BOYS CLICK

The United Office and Professional Workers had no trouble in beating the Building Service Five by a 39 to 17 score. Their beautiful passing and fine shooting exhibition more than compensated for the one sided game. The Office Workers used their second team for most of the game and had the ball in enemy territory most of the time. For the Office Workers, Hollander, Rumpston (watch this boy when the heat is on), had 8 points each while Moscovitz, Biler and

## AT CINCINNATI

The Opening Baseball Season at Cincinnati Was Devoted Only to the Minor Leagues—Big League News Tomorrow

## Tennessee, Texas A&M, Cornell One, Two, Three on Nat'l Grid

### Trio Lone Major Unbeaten, Untied 11's—USC, UCLA, Tulane Tied, in Running for Big Bowl Games

Except for a few scattered precincts, all the returns are in on the 1939 football season, and here's what they show. Three major undefeated and untied teams. Tennessee,

### Players to Get 60% Of Pro Playoff \$ \$

DETROIT, Dec. 4 (UP).—Sixty per cent of the net gate of the National Professional League's championship football game at Milwaukee, Dec. 10, will go to the players. President Carl Storck announced today.

The New York Giants and Green Bay Packers players, who clinched the Eastern and Western Division championships yesterday, will receive their share after game expenses are deducted.

The Washington Redskins and Chicago Bears, second-place teams, will receive five per cent and the management of each championship club, 10 per cent. The remaining 10 per cent will go to the league.

Of the amount allowed to the participating clubs, 60 per cent will go to the winning team and 40 per cent to the loser.

Texas A & M and Cornell. In our idea of the order of their strength the last two have finished their regular seasons and Tennessee has to get by an erratic Auburn team. Cornell will not play any post-season games, while Tennessee and Texas A & M most definitely will, with hears cocked most attentively towards California for a Rose Bowl invite.

Five more mighty elephants finish in the unbeaten but tied class. In the order of their strength (still

### Presenting Precue Of 1940 Teams

As usual, the Daily Worker sports page will be in there first with an unusual feature. Beginning shortly, a quick look ahead of the 1940 football season of the local teams. Who's back, how good will the newcomers be, what are the general prospects for long range...

our opinion, they are USC, Tulane, UCLA, Georgetown and Duquesne. There'll be one less after Saturday's clash in Los Angeles between USC and UCLA, a game which will find the winner becoming the Pacific Coast entry in the Rose Bowl, with the option of picking its opponent. In the event of a tie, USC, with a better record, would be selected. Mighty Tulane is a good possibility for the New Orleans Sugar Bowl game, while Georgetown is also looking for an invite.

On the local front, Fordham had the most successful season with 8 victories and 2 defeats. NYU, not rated too highly before the season started, did well with 6 and 4 against murderous opposition, beating such front line eleven as Colgate, Carnegie and Georgia. Manhattan split even in a tough schedule which saw a victory over strong Auburn and an unlucky loss to outplayed Duquesne as the highlights. Columbia did as well as was expected with two victories, two ties and four defeats in an all major game schedule. Brooklyn and C. C. N. Y.—aw, hell, it is the basketball season already. Why bring up football—L. R.

### Final Standings In Pro-League

CLUB	W	L	T	P	O. P.
New York	4	1	1	0	83
Washington	2	2	1	0	24
Brooklyn	4	2	1	0	218
Pittsburgh	3	2	1	0	214
Philadelphia	2	2	1	0	208

CLUB	W	L	T	P	O. P.
Green Bay	2	2	0	0	153
Chicago Bears	2	2	0	0	152
Detroit	2	2	0	0	143
Cleveland	2	2	0	0	141
Chicago Cardinals	1	2	0	0	54

### CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF

Sunday, Dec. 16—N. Y. Giants vs. Green Bay, at Milwaukee.

Letsky each had 6. For the Building Service, John Wizerak and Herb Thompson were high with 5. Five games again next Saturday.

WEDNESDAY  
JAMAICA ARENA—Harry Balsamo vs. Eddie Coderre, eight rounds; Artie DiPietro vs. Frankie Panchia, six rounds; Jay Arthur Williams vs. Joe Focia, Cliff Custerbeck vs. Joe Bias, Ray Martinez vs. Curley Sokolowski, Harry Davidson vs. Sammy Rivers, Henry Morris vs. Charley Fisher, four rounds each.

## It Was the Giants, Not Lady Luck

By Stan Kurman

Don't kid yourself about last Sunday's big game. Lady Luck didn't beat the Washington Redskins out of the Eastern pro title. The Giants did that—and with a highly efficient performance.

It would've been the worst luck ever for the Giants to lose. The local eleven had to fight to get that nine-point lead over a team which is certainly its equal. None of those points came easily. All the hard way.

Talking about luck, Ward Cuff was off for a certain touchdown a few minutes after the game started and slipped out in the clear.

Then the Giants held the Redskins when the invaders had a first down on the 1-yard line late in the first half. Outsmarted them there and that's what counts.

As for the much-disputed Bo Russell field goal attempt. The point isn't that IF Russell had made it, the Redskins would have won. The point is that he missed it. No luck element there. If Ken Strong hadn't missed an earlier field goal try the Redskins would have had to haul for a touchdown.

Besides the Redskins didn't get going until a slow Len Barnum kicked was blocked. The ball bounced crazily backwards nearly twenty yards

to the Giant 18, setting up a Redskin touchdown. Plenty of luck in that one.

A little point which has been overlooked this year with the rise of the Packers, Lions, Bears and Redskins as top threats is that the Giants are still the greatest defensive team in football. Also the smartest.

This band of smart money players is going to beat the Packers out at Milwaukee next Sunday. Beat them just as they beat the favored Redskins and Bears this season, just as they won the pro title from the favored Bears last year.

No team has ever repeated as league champion. The Giants are going to make grid history.

Incidentally the 62,000 folks who packed the Polo Grounds is the final conviction that pro football has caught on. It was a game which more than lived up to its build-up. By far the best I've seen this year. It's no wonder that fans are going for the pro game in a big way. Imagine seeing Dick Todd, Mel Hein, Tuffy Leemans, Ward Cuff, Frank Filchock and the others—every one a star in his own right—performing on the same field on the same day. It's heads-up football at its best.

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